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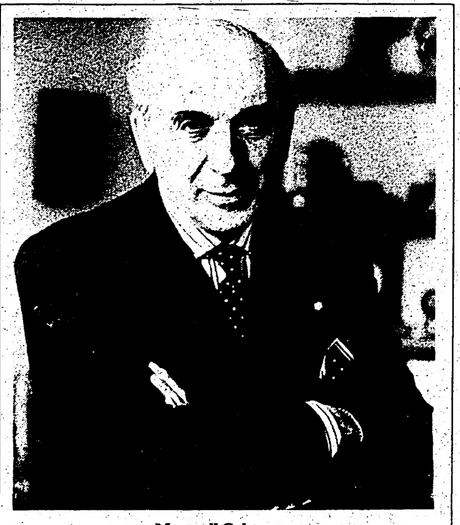
Flora MacDonald, Progressive Conservative MP for Kingston and the Islands, accepts the Canadian Award from Hadassah-WIZO honorary president Neri Bloomfield [right]. Looking on are convention chairman Stella Torontow and Ruth Tekoah, head of public affairs for World WIZO in Israel. See story on page 6.



Maxwell Cohen

Cohen is nominated to International Court

OTTAWA —

Maxwell Cohen, McGill law professor emeritus, has been nominated by the Canadian government to serve as judge ad hoc on the International Court of Justice in The Hague on the matter of a maritime boundary dispute with the United States.

The nomination, announced last Friday by Mark MacGuigan, secretary of state, is still subject to approval by the International Court.

Cohen was formerly the Canadian chairman of the International Joint Commission.

Both the governments of Canada and the United States signed a treaty to submit to binding dispute-settlement the delimitation of the maritime boundary in the Gulf of Maine area.

Reagan renews pledge for united Jerusalem

By WOLF BLITZER and JTA

WASHINGTON —

Moving quickly to defuse a potentially explosive issue with the Arab world, the White House issued a clarification late last week on President Ronald Reagan's position regarding the future position of Jerusalem.

Meeting earlier in the day with a delegation from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Reagan said that he stood by his 1980 campaign statement to support a united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty with a "Vaticanization" of holy places there.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Reagan's statement did not reflect a change in U.S. policy. American policy, he said in a clarifying remark, is that Jerusalem should remain undivided with free access to the holy sites, and that its final status should be determined through negotiation.

Disclosure of Reagan's position on Jerusalem was made by Howard Squadron, chairman of the president's conference. Squadron told reporters that the President had also reiterated his opposition to the creation of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza.

Jewish leaders emerging from the session were upset by the President's repeated assertion that Saudi Arabia represented the "key" to peace in the Middle East. The President was effusive in his praise of Saudi "moderation."

On the other hand the Jewish leaders were pleased by Reagan's strong reaffirmation of Israel's strategic values to the United States. The President was quoted as having told the delegation that Israel could mobilize and field 700,000 soldiers within 48 hours. The President noted that the U.S. would have to dispatch 700,000 soldiers to the region during a crisis if it were not for Israel's ability to do so.

Over the weekend, the Reagan administration's two chief national security cabinet members indicated that the United States is not prepared to go beyond the storing of medical supplies in Israel and joint planning in implementing the strategic co-operation agreement worked out by President Reagan and Premier Menachem Begin last September.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, appearing on NBC-TV's "Meet The Press" program, said that he expects a "memorandum of understanding" to be signed following his talks with Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon which start here Nov. 30.

But when Weinberger was asked if the talks could result in the stockpiling of arms in Israel, he said he did not know if the talks would get into that. However, he specifically said that the talks would include the need for having hospital and medical supplies available in Israel should a conflict in the Mideast break out.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig also made this point on his appearance on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley."

Earlier Reagan told American Jewish leaders that the proposed level of U.S.-Israeli strategic co-operation will be substantive, "not cosmetic."

According to a White House official who participated during a session on Nov. 19 with 32 Republican Jewish leaders, Reagan also reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to the Camp David process as the "only path to peace."

Reagan, as well as Vice-President George Bush, counsellor Ed Meese, and national security advisor Richard Allen, during earlier exchanges with the Jewish delegation, strongly pledged to fight anti-semitism — a matter of increased concern following the Saudi AWACS battle.

The separate meetings with the Republican Jewish leadership and the president's conference were designed to try and restore Jewish confidence in Reagan's Middle East policy in the wake of the AWACS debate.

Regarding the level of the U.S.-Israeli co-operation, Reagan said this issue was a

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Canadian Hadassah urges support for Camp David

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

A growing concern over a possible weakening of Canada's long-standing support of Israel's quest for peace with security was expressed at the 29th biennial convention of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Organization, held last week at the Skyline Hotel. (For more coverage of the convention see also page 6.)

The close to 800 delegates from across Canada categorically rejected the so-called Fahd Peace Plan of Saudi Arabia and pledged its support firmly behind the Camp David Accords.

The convention called upon the Canadian government to "use its good offices to maintain its traditional friendship with the State of Israel."

Canada was urged not to weaken its support for Israel because on the economic importance of increased trade with Arab countries.

Hadassah-WIZO, which has about 17,000 members in Canada, also resolved that Jerusalem must remain a united city.

National president Mirial Small of Toronto, who was re-elected to a second 2-year term, said that her organization's fears reflected those of most Canadian Jews these days in the face of the popularity the Saudi plan is gaining. However, as a non-political organization, Hadassah-WIZO will not be making direct representations to the government.

Relations between Canada and Israel are in a state of "incremental deterioration," and members of all parties are beginning to question this country's traditional support of Israel, Mark Resnick national director of the Canada-Israel Committee, told the delegates.

Politicians are starting to ask themselves if support for Israel is costing them votes or campaign funds, said Resnick. The mood of the Canadian public, they sense, is shifting toward sympathy with the oil-rich Arab states, he said.

The Arab states, by their economic strength, are also able to exert some leverage over Canada's foreign policy.

Resnick listed three main examples to support the CIC's gloomy assessment of Canadian Middle East policy:

(1) A watering down of support for the Camp David peace process, made evident by a lack of recent statements on the matter, in sharp contrast to a couple of years ago;

(2) A growing support for the Palestinian cause that began a few years ago with statements in favor of recognition of the Palestinians' "legitimate rights" and has steadily intensified to support for an independent Palestinian homeland on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to an address made by External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan to the United Nations General Assembly in September;

(3) The warm welcome given to a prominent PLO official last spring in Ottawa by an external affairs department official, as well as some members of Parliament and senators.

Resnick said all this is evidence of a "policy reversal, a flip flop" that could be "ominous."

There have been other indications during the past year of the direction Canada's foreign policy is taking, Resnick continued. These include several abstentions at the UN on resolutions clearly critical of Israel; an abstention at a meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization on a resolution calling for the airport in Jerusalem to be put under Arab sovereignty; and an abstention at the June meeting of the International Atomic Energy Commission, stating that Israel should be excluded from its next international meeting if it did not submit to an inspection of its nuclear facilities.

In addition, anti-Arab boycott legislation has been shelved and there have been repeated cancellations of a joint economic meeting in Jerusalem, he said.

"The messages we are receiving are clear enough. We must be heard — not necessarily by making a big noise — but through the more effective method of continuous, sustained, well-informed representations that will be morally and politically persuasive," Resnick said.

External Affairs Minister MacGuigan did little to allay concern when he made what Small later called a "lukewarm" statement on Canada's continued support for the Camp David Accords at a luncheon for members of Parliament held during the convention.

In his brief address, he said Canada was among the first and strongest supporters of the accords, and the direction of Canadian policy on the Middle East will continue to be the same. "We will not only support the continued existence of Israel, but also its security," he said.

Opposition leader Joe Clark said at the same luncheon that there is unanimity among all parties in hoping that the "spirit of the Camp David Accords will continue to be respected" until a peace is achieved that will assure security for Israel.

New Democratic Party external affairs critic, Pauline Jewett, took things one step further, saying the 8-point Saudi Peace Plan "will not do.

"Besides other limitations, the very fact that it does not give explicit recognition to the State of Israel makes the plan unacceptable."

About 60 MPs and senators from the three parties attended the luncheon. They were seated at tables with delegates who live in their constituencies.

Guest speaker Dan Pattir, a former media advisor to Prime Minister Menachem Begin and, since May, a researcher on the peace process between Egypt and Israel at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, said that he wished, as an Israeli, that he could hear the same words as MacGuigan's from the U.S. administration.

"Both Israel and Egypt need the support of the Western nations," he said. "We should not belittle what Camp David has accomplished. . . . If there is no support, the Camp David Accords will come to an aborted end."

He appealed to lawmakers that what they need is "a full understanding of what is going on (in the Middle East), patience, the elimination of short-sightedness and optimisim" if there is to be peace.

"The sale of the AWACS to Saudi Arabia has taught that country that it does not have to engage in a long peace process with Israel or lose its position in the Arab world to gain lavish support from the U.S.," said Pattir.

"It was a crucial mistake to weaken the Egyptian regime, which is determined to continue in Sadat's path."

Ottawa city hall exhibit: Israel is left off map

By GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

The Ottawa-based Palestine Information Office, in conjunction with the local Arab community association, opened a cultural art exhibit here recently at Ottawa's city hall.

Mayor Marion Dewar, who opened the exhibit, told the 150 invited guests, primarily from the local Arab community and Third World representatives, "that all Canadians who are aware of their heritage and have roots and attachments going back to another land can understand that attachment to one's roots." She expressed the hope that this show would help promote peace and understanding among all Canadians.

Prior to the opening, Alderman Greg MacDougall sponsored a motion in council to cancel the exhibit. He was opposed to the use of public space for the PIO, reportedly an affiliate of the PLO.

Dewar stood by her earlier decision to vote against cancellation. "In responding to the request, the city administration is continuing its policy of allowing the use of public buildings for Ottawa-based groups to express their culture. I am pleased that this tradition has not been disrupted," she said.

The purely cultural exhibit of paintings and Palestinian artifacts was coupled with a large map of the Middle East. Israel was omitted. In its place was "Palestine" and Arabic place names.

Although numerous invitations were extended to the diplomatic corps, municipal and federal government officials, as well as all the media, excluding The CJN, few were seen at the opening. Dewar, accompanied by only two of her aldermen, offered half-hearted apologies for the absence. "We're in the middle of a council meeting and doing our budget and that's why city hall is busy as it usually is," she explained.

When The CJN pressed for an invitation along with the rest of the Canadian press, PIO spokesman Moustafa replied: "Why should we invite you when your paper is always so biased against our cause."

When Mayor Dewar became aware of the PIO's refusal, she extended a personal invitation to this reporter, reiterating the city's firm stance that its foyer space was open to all Canadians. No exhibiting group could restrict access, she emphasized.

Members of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, after viewing the exhibit and its map, sent a "letter of concern" to the mayor. The JCC objected to the use of city hall space for an exhibit with political overtones, a spokesman said.

Herzog says U.S. favors Accords

TORONTO —

Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, says he doesn't expect the U.S. to embrace Saudi Arabia's 8-point plan.

Herzog, member of a 6-man Israeli parliamentary delegation dispatched to Washington last week to lobby against the proposal, said in an interview here that the U.S. would instead continue to support the Camp David peace process.

Condemning the Saudis' plan as "a prescription for Israel's destruction," he pointed out that it was nothing but a "rehash" of an earlier Saudi plan which the U.S. had rejected.

Expressing confidence that the Reagan administration would "not be a party" to the updated initiative, Herzog told The Canadian Jewish News that it was a "transparent" attempt by the Saudis to inject the PLO into Arab-Israeli negotiations.

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Danny Kaye portrays survivor

Skokie encounter is retold on TV

By BEN ROSE

"This time they couldn't spit on me, this time they couldn't kill me."

These are the final words spoken by Danny Kaye in the CBS movie "Skokie," shown on TV Nov. 17 to a prime time audience. Kaye, as Max Feldman, plays a survivor of the Holocaust, who helped mobilize the Jewish community against an attempt by the American Nazi party to march in Skokie, a suburb of Chicago, in 1977-78.

The Nazis, as it turned out, did not march in Skokie and had to settle for a brief appearance in a downtown Chicago park where they drew only 12 spectators. They did get as far as Skokie village limits one day but a last-minute injunction stopped them at the border.

The CBS docudrama retraces the real events which happened in Skokie, a village of 70,000 people, 30,000 of them Jewish, including many survivors.

The divisions within the Jewish community itself, both in Skokie and in the larger scene, are honestly and compellingly portrayed. Should the American Nazis be ignored, or "quarantined," as one leader suggests, or should the community fight tooth and nail against their right to set foot inside Skokie?

Should the principle of free speech override the legitimate and terrible fears of the people who escaped the Holocaust?

In the end the community did fight back and so it is fitting that the last words in the 2½-hour movie are spoken by Feldman (Kaye) in a tallis and yarmulke, outside Temple Judea Mizpah.

"Did they march?" he asks. "Not in Skokie . . . not one inch. This time we stood up and fought back and told our story to the whole world. When my mother was dragged off to her death, and I was yelling, they stuffed rags into my mouth and said 'there is nothing you can do, there is nothing you can do.' This time there was something I could do."

The events in Skokie do not lend themselves to an easy analysis — real events seldom do, and it would be inaccurate to suggest that the whole truth is captured in these flickering video images. But it is a tribute to Danny Kaye's performance that he is completely believable. Despite the anger inside the man, he is able to convey something of the larger spirit of the Jew.

At one point, his wife berates him for arguing with the rabbi of their temple. "You call him a rabbi?" he replies. "He's a kid, he plays tennis. A rabbi should have a beard." "But he has a beard," his wife protests. "But I mean a beard . . ." and at this point Kaye's hands outline the billowing beard of a patriarch.

In the same vein, a few minutes earlier, another survivor at a congregational meeting, says, "I don't need a yeshiva bocher to tell me what to do." As a footnote, the young rabbi reassesses his position as time goes on, and it is he who keeps reminding the mayor and chief of police that they are continuing to ignore the feelings of the survivors..

Danny Kaye, portraying a survivor in film "Skokie," voices his objections to a Nazi march through his community.

It is one of the strengths of the film that it captures the community's turmoil as realistically as if the writer and director were there when it happened. When the representative of the Anti-Defamation League "from the downtown office in Chicago," advises the people to avoid confrontation, to avoid giving the Nazis a national platform on TV, he, too, is believable. As the film goes on, as the issue of whether the march is to be allowed drags through the courts, and the community's anger builds, the ADL reassesses its position, and enters openly into the legal fray, filing arguments with the courts on why the march should be banned.

At one of the pivotal community meetings, Feldman (Kaye) sits steaming while the rabbi, mayor and ADL representative plead for law and order. Finally Feldman gets to his feet and resists attempts by the rabbi to shut him up. "I don't want to hear about tactics and game plans any more. What is this, football? Somewhere I've heard speeches like this before.

"I was young, but I remember what they said. 'Don't pay attention. Pull down the window shades.' I won't pull down my window shades. If a Nazi marches in Skokie I will be there with a baseball bat and a gun. If you want no violence, keep the Nazis out."

As the film ends, actor Carl Reiner, as the ADL spokesman, gets a chance to make comments which bring 1978 Skokie sharply up to date: "There is a resurgence of anti-semitism owing to events in the Arab world and elsewhere. We face the threat of real violence against minorities like Blacks and Jews. We may wonder what price we paid for freedom of speech."

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Arabs protest

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Angry demonstrations took place last week in Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem, in protest against the demolition of three houses in that town.

The houses, as well as another house in Ramallah, were demolished by the security forces, in punishment for throwing Molotov cocktails at Israeli army patrols.

These punitive measures were considered an expression of the iron hand policy of Defence Minister Ariel Sharon against any political unrest in the administered territories. In the past, houses were demolished only in cases in which hand grenades were thrown from them, or their inhabitants were directly involved in acts of terror. It was the first time that such a strong measure was taken following the throwing of a Molotov cocktail.

Elias Freij, the mayor of Bethlehem, strongly criticized the demolition acts. Freij called on Premier Begin to prevent "the law of the jungle in the territories."

Small re-elected national president

OTTAWA —

Mirial Small of Toronto was re-elected national president of the 17,000-member Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada at its recent biennial convention in Ottawa.

National vice-presidents elected were Judy Mandleman of Vancouver; Ida Eichler of Calgary; Terry Rosenberg of Winnipeg; Irene Fink of Toronto; Miriam Lieberman of Montreal; and Shirley Dubinsky of Sydney, N.S.

Eichler and Fink, who previously held other officer positions, are new to the vice-presidency.

Three women were elected for the first time to officer positions — general secretaries Freda Gasol of Montreal, Tami Berenzin of Ottawa and Roz Mendelson of Toronto.

Others re-elected were: treasurer Paula Kaplansky and financial secretary Faye Steinfeld, both of Montreal; recording secretary Naomi Frankenburg of Vancouver; corresponding secretary Esther Matlow of Toronto.

Remaining as honorary officers are honorary president Clara Balinsky of Montreal; and honorary vice-presidents Cecily Peters of Toronto; Anita Waterman of Vancouver; Louise Cohen of Moncton; and Stella Torontow of Ottawa.

Special report on our expanding community

This issue of The CJN icludes a special second section devoted to our rapidly expanding Jewish community — in the north-east section of Metro Toronto and beyond the immediate borders of Metro.

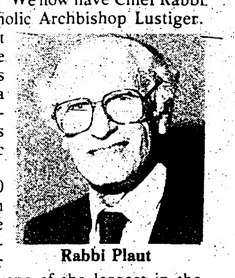
The growth of these new areas is an exciting story and an encouraging one — encouraging because wherever they go the Jews bring with them an extension of Toronto's community life.

To make certain that as many people as possible in these new areas read this story, we are expanding the circulation of this Nov. 26 issue with a special mailing of 4,700 copies. To those who are receiving The CJN for the first time: Hello — let's hear from you. We'll be pleased to cover your community activities.

Future of Jews in France seems to be quite clouded

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

In Paris they ask a question which in its way is indicative of the odd situation in which French Jews find themselves: "We now have Chief Rabbi Sirat and Roman Catholic Archbishop Lustiger. Which one does not speak Yiddish?" The answer, of course, is Rabbi Sirat, who is a Sephardi, while Archbishop Lustiger was born an Ashkenazic Jew.



Rabbi Plaut

There are 700,000 Jews now living in France — next to the Soviet Union the largest aggregate of our people in Europe and one of the largest in the world. Yet their relationship to the French environment is as highly problematic as their Jewish future. Out of this large population, I was told only 200,000 are actually registered with the central religious body, the Consistoire, and only 2% of the children receive any kind of Jewish education.

I asked many questions when I visited this inordinately beautiful city. I am not sure I received many answers.

At the Hotel Baltimore where we were staying for a meeting of Jewish leaders from many parts of the world, police with guns drawn guarded the entrance and an armored van stood at the ready. The same picture at the two synagogues where I spent Shabbat. This protection exists around the clock, every day of the week.

A generation ago police were seeking out Jews to isolate them, put them in camps and hand them over to the Nazis. Now the wheel of history has turned and the police are protecting Jews. But anti-semitism is still on the loose. The plaque at the synagogue on Rue Copernic which commemorates the murderous attack of a year ago bears loud an accusing testimony of this fact. Four people died there and the synagogue was badly damaged.

There are those who claim that it was an Arab-inspired deed. I do not know. In any case, it was no mere coincidence that the date of the attack [Oct. 3, 1980] was the very same as 39 years before, when the first attack occurred on that synagogue, in the days of the Nazi occupation. Someone who is a student of the progress of violent anti-semitism in France was involved in this latest outrage.

Other plaques in the entrance hall to the synagogue play mute homage to the past: there is a roster of the dead in World War I and the brief months of World War II. A third plaque commemorates the names of the congregation's president, of his wife and four children who were carted away to Auschwitz and died there.

Of course, French Jews today have full equality before the law, and one Auschwitz survivor, Simone Veil, former minister of health, is now the president of the prestigious European Council. She spoke to us of the problem that seems to agitate every French Jew. "Anti-semitism is not dead in our country," she said but then added quickly: "and neither is it a threat. There is hope and there is opportunity."

Just the week before French television authorities had finally agreed to show Ophuels' famous documentary, "The Sorrow and the Pity," which showed powerfully how French bureaucracy had aided the Germans and had enlarged the scope of Jewish persecution. In all these years the picture was deemed too explosive to be exhibited on the home screen. Only now, a whole generation later, are the French people able to see it outside their movie houses.

A young girl who was giving a bat mitzvah speech opened her reflections with a telling statement: "I am French," she affirmed first of all and then went on to speak about her Jewishness and what it might mean to her. "I am French" — in a different context I had heard it before. I heard the same sentiment expressed by German Jews and by others who were not at ease in their lands of domicile.

Meir Rosenne, Israel's ambassador to France, says that with Francois Mitterand in power relations between Israel and France are much better than before. Jews are more outspoken about their political views, there is more interest in Israel and more people study Hebrew. But aliya is minor — only a hundred or so a month.

To the casual onlooker it appears as if a whole community is in limbo. No one can be sure in what manner the Jews of France will fashion their future.

Threat of arms stockpiling in Lebanon

Habib will return to Middle East

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Philip Habib, Ronald Reagan's diplomatic troubleshooter for the Middle East, is returning to the region later this month, amid reports that Israel is considering military action to deal with Syria's missiles in Lebanon and with the Palestinians' weapons buildup in the southern part of that country.

Habib's decision to resume his mission comes on the heels of threats by Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and by Lebanese Christian militia leader Major Saad Haddad.

• In a major speech, Sharon said Israel's patience was wearing thin. He called attention to the presence of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, in place there since last spring, and he pointed out that the PLO has used last July's ceasefire to build up its armed strength substantially.

• Five days later, Major Haddad declared that, as far as he was concerned, the 4-month truce was over. He made the remark after three of his men were killed by a land mine.

As Haddad spoke, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said that he had ordered a mobilization of his men in Lebanon in anticipation of what he called an imminent Israeli attack.

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Syria installed the missiles after the Israeli air force shot down two Syrian helicopter gunships allegedly attacking Lebanese Christian positions around the hill overlooking the town of Zahle. Israel charged that the Syrians had thus violated an understanding that had been arranged by U.S. diplomats in the wake of the civil war in Lebanon.

The Israelis said they would destroy the missiles, either from the air, or in a land assault, if political means failed. Defiantly, Syria announced that it would not comply with Israel's demand. In May, as Israel and Syria inched closer to war, the U.S. dispatched Habib to the Middle East. Menachem Begin promised to give diplomacy a chance.

Israel's destruction of Iraq's nuclear reactor, together with its bombardment of PLO headquarters in Beirut, eclipsed the missile crisis. Instead of focusing his efforts on removing the missiles, Habib shuttled between Middle Eastern capitals in a bid to end Israel's war of attrition with the Palestinians in southern Lebanon.

With the co-operation of the United Nations and Saudi Arabia, Habib worked out a ceasefire. But within days, Israel was accusing the PLO of breaking it.

As for the missiles, Habib assured Israel that an inter-Arab group would attempt to solve the problem to everyone's satisfaction.

According to the Israelis, neither issue has been solved. That is why Ariel Sharon was so blunt when he spoke about the issues recently. "We prefer to solve (them) by political means," he asserted. "We will try first every political way that will be possible. We have patience. . . . But we are not going to leave this situation forever."

He added: "We have been promised that steps would be taken a long time ago. Nothing has been done since."

The missiles pose a threat to Israel because they widen Syria's role in Lebanon — which Israel opposes — and give the Syrians a military edge in the southeastern portion of that beleaguered nation.

If the missiles are not removed, Israel would lose face — a consideration in the politics of the Middle East — and Syria could rightfully boast of a political triumph over the "Zionist enemy."

If its rhetoric can be accepted, Syria is fully prepared to confront Israel over the missiles. Certainly, Syria's armed forces are well equipped to resist an Israeli attack. According to the Israelis, the Syrians now deploy 3,500 tanks, 400 of which are the latest Russian T-72s, and the most sophisticated jets.

Observers concur that an Israeli air or land strike against Syria in Lebanon would be costly to both sides. This probably explains why Israel, Sharon's statement notwithstanding, is waiting for a political solution.

Also of deep concern to Israel is the Palestinian stockpiling of heavy weaponry in areas not far from its border. Israeli intelligence claims that the Palestinians have used the truce to build fortifications, organize troops and increase the development of weapons.

Israel's estimate is that the PLO has 250 artillery pieces, 60 mobile rocket launchers, 60 tanks, 100 armored personnel carriers and 15,000 men in regions which the Israeli army has pummelled since 1978.

Reports indicate that the Palestinians have received their arms mainly from Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, South Yemen and, of course, Syria. Libya, for example, has flown 200 tons of weapons to the PLO.

These are the problems with which Philip Habib will have to deal when he confers with Israeli and Arab leaders. There are suggestions that he will bring with him a plan under which Israel and the PLO will withdraw heavy weapons from the Lebanese frontier and Syria will agree to eventually leave Lebanon.

If the plan materializes, Israeli and PLO withdrawals would be supervised by UNIFIL, the UN police force that was created following Israel's 1978 invasion of southern Lebanon. UNIFIL would then be able to extend its mandate right down to the Israel-Lebanon border — the purpose for which it was originally established.

[Uzi Keren photo]

Major Saad Haddad points out sights in southern Lebanon to Knesset opposition leader Shimon Peres [left].

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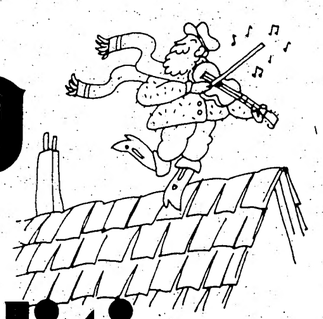

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Plan emergency conference on Soviet Jewry, in Ottawa

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Iosif Mendelevich, released Prisoner of Zion, is postponing a honeymoon in order to open an emergency conference on Soviet Jewry in Ottawa on Dec. 9.

The 1-day conference, which was announced by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, aims to arouse concern in both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities for the plight of Soviet Jews now facing increasing harassment and persecution.

Mendelevich, who spent 10 years in Soviet labor camps and prisons, came into constant conflict with Soviet officials for his stubborn adherence to Orthodox practices. He will be giving an insider's view of the Russian gulag.

The Soviets released Mendelevich suddenly and without explanation last February. He was flown to Vienna and subsequently to Israel where he was given a hero's welcome. He plans to marry a sabra of Sephardic origin on Nov. 28. She is believed to have been a worker involved with the integration of Soviet Jews in Israel.

Following the Canadian conference, Mendelevich will visit the United States where he will meet with American congressman and Jewish community leaders.

"The conference in Ottawa will stress the violation of rights of Soviet Jews in the context of human rights," said Ruth Leroy, co-chairman of the conference which will be held at the Skyline Hotel. Second co-chairman is Barbara Stern.

Mrs. Leroy said the conference is open to all Jewish community leaders from synagogues, service and community organizations.

She said the conference will include:

• Morning discussion with MPs, members of the parliamentary committee for Soviet Jewry.

• Parliamentary luncheon with guest speaker, Serge Joyal, minister of state. Joyal will be presented with a petition of protest with about 100,000 signatures.

• Afternoon workshops to discuss mobilization of community efforts.

[Mark Kushner photo]

Former Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Mendelevich proudly displays key to his Israeli apartment as he calls on North American Jews to join him in coming home to Israel.

• Dinner address by Theodore Mann, president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, which is based in New York. Mann will speak on parallel efforts of mobilization in New York and Washington.

The conference concludes with a torchlight march to the embassy of the Soviet Union and a presentation of a petition addressed to Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

"The petition takes the Soviet Union to task over its human rights violations as a signatory to the Helsinki Final Act, the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," said Genya Intrator, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

"We are calling on the Soviets to deliver on their promises," she said. The petition makes five points in which it specifically asks for rights of emigration and rights to pursue cultural and religious practices.

The first emergency meeting on Soviet Jews was called in New York on Sept. 21 in the wake of plummeting emigration of Soviet Jews, she said.

Intrator reported that about 400,000 Soviet Jews are said to have asked for invitations to Israel, according to the aliya department of the Jewish Agency. But the projected figure of departures for all of 1981 will be no more than about 9,000, she said.

While, for a while in 1979, about 4,000 Soviet Jews were leaving each month, the figures for the last three months hover on the average of 400, she said.

In addition, said Intrator, the homes of Moscow's four leading Refusenik activists have recently been raided and all material with Jewish content confiscated. The Soviet police seized Jewish books, havadalah candles, history books, tapes of Jewish music and even Jewish marriage certificates.

At present, there are 16 Prisoners of Zion. Four other Soviet Jews are awaiting trial, mostly on charges of "defamation of the state."

Calls for women's, native rights

MONTREAL —

Representatives of women's and native rights groups have asked Irwin Cotler both personally as a law professor and as president of the Canadian Jewish Congress to support the enshrinement of their rights in the proposed charter now before the Canadian parliament.

He described their lobbying efforts as an "important feature of the democratic process, which just might succeed."

Cotler indicated that both groups wanted to know where the Jewish community stands on these issues and what it can do to help them in their causes.

In response, Cotler gave them several promises, some of which he has already delivered.

He said CJC has already gone on record urging the inclusion of provisions concerning the rights of both women and the aboriginal peoples before the joint House-Senate committee on the constitution.

To further buttress that original CJC support, Cotler sent a telegram to the Prime Minister and all premiers which asked them to amend the constitutional resolutions as follows:

1. To entrench rights of native peoples by reinstating section 34 or variations thereof, in the charter.

2. To reinstate section 28 of the charter without the override provision so as to expressly entrench equality of men and women throughout the charter.

3. To limit the application of the override provision by requiring an appellate court judgment as a condition of its exercise.

4. To modify aspects of the amending formula and provision regarding minority language rights in education and mobility rights so as to secure the distinctive identity of Quebec in any accord while not diminishing the fundamentals of the rights themselves.

5. To embellish the preamble so that the rights charter will symbolize an inspired document of our rights and freedoms.

Since approached by lobbyists from women's and native people's groups, Cotler organized a petition which drew support from every member of the faculty of law at McGill University as well as several hundred students, he said.

He was also asked, as a law professor whose specialty is human rights, to make representations to federal cabinet ministers and to launch an appeal at the recent meeting of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Cotler did both.

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Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: My father trained his children to polish their shoes on Friday afternoon, in honor of the Sabbath. The richer people would go to the shoe shine parlor, and in those days of long ago, it cost ten cents plus a tip. Why does one polish the shoes on Friday?

There is a very learned exposition on this subject in the teshuvos of Rabbi Hirsch Meisels Z. L., Mekadshe Hashem, volume 1, responsum 2.

Rabbi Burak

It is generally understood that one should have special clothes for the Sabbath. The Sabbath day must be different from the other days of the week; the food and drink must be different, the clothes must be different, the conversation and even the thoughts must be different.

Mind you, this could occassionally make for trouble, as the Talmud in Tractate Baba Kamma, 37 A, speaks of an ox who regularly gored people on the Sabbath, and Tosfos explains that he did this because he didn't recognize them in all their fine clothes.

One must have "bigde shabbas" according to Tractate Shabbas 113 A, but, the Talmud does not spell out what items we must have. The Torah, for example, spells out what the High Priest wore, in Leviticus 16:4: "A holy linen vest shall he put on, and linen trousers shall be upon his flesh, and he shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired."

What special attire is to be worn on the Sabbath is left open. So, there is room to wonder whether special shoes are required for the Sabbath.

Rav Meisels, in his note, draws attention to the text of the Mishna in Kesubos, 64 B, where we are told that a married woman receiving maintenance must be given new "shoes for each of the major festivals." A little further in this Tractate, 65 B, when the sages dissected this statement, we are told that "the Tanna was dealing with a mountainous region where one cannot possibly manage without three pairs of shoes a year, and indirectly he informed us that these should be given to her on the occasion of a major festival so that she might derive joy from them." So, she gets new shoes for Passover, Shavuoth and Succoth.

But, are three pairs of shoes enough if the area is mountainous? Does not the lady get an extra pair for Sabbath and Holy Days? Apparently not. The same pair of shoes had to suffice for Sabbath and week days. Then, they had to be cleaned up and polished to be different for the Sabbath.

Now, since in the laws of Sabbath observance men and women have the same obligations, the men had only one pair of shoes for work days and Holy Days, and they developed a tradition of polishing their shoes on Friday. Those who had the means to polish them daily would turn to shoe shine parlor for a professional job in honor of the approach of the Sabbath.

This idea of having everything be different for the glory of the Sabbath reaches its high point in the ruling of the scholar who, when asked if one may play a game of chess on the Sabbath, replied: "Yes, provided that you have a different set of chessmen, say, chessmen made of silver, then you may play chess on the Sabbath."

The escalation in the price of shoes makes it difficult for people of modest means to have different shoes for the Sabbath. Alas, some people have no shoes. Some have only shabby clothing for the Sabbath. I received a letter from an erudite scholar in Israel, and in it, in reply to my question, he lets me know that neither he, nor his wife, nor his son, have gotten any new clothes since the boy's bar mitzvah some five years ago.

And so, this should tell you that there are many needy people who are not looking for a set of silver chessmen with which to gladden their Sabbath. They would be very happy to have two challahs on the Friday night table, a little wine or grape juice for kiddush, and a little food to eat. They would be glad to have a pair of shoes to polish in honor of the approach of the Sabbath.

They will get these supplies if you give to the UJA and CJA, if you reach out the hand of friendship to our needy brothers dispersed throughout the globe. Reach out to them, and Hashem will reach out to you and give you of the dew of heaven.

Jack Monbaz works on, as UIA associate director

50-year Israel-oriented career is honored

Jacob Monbaz [right] is presented with plaque "in appreciation for his 50 years outstanding and untiring services to the State of Israel and the Jewish people" by Gordon Brown, honorary president of UIA Canada.

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The recipient of a special award for long-standing service to Israel and the Jewish people told The Canadian Jewish News last week it was a privilege to have served during what he considered the most important era of modern Jewish history.

Jack Monbaz, associate national executive director of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, was honored for his 50 years of service to the Jewish people, during the UIA's recent annual meeting here.

Monbaz, 67, came to Israel from Russia in 1931. During the next 17 years, he served as a Haganah commander, fought in various European theatres during World War II as an officer in the British 8th Army, and helped settle Jewish refugees in Israel. At Israel's independence, Monbaz was commissioned to form the first artillery unit of the newly created Israel Defence Forces.

From 1948 to 1962, he held various staff and command appointments in the IDF. In 1956, he was the quartermaster - general for the Sinai campaign. From 1962-5, he was military counselor and spokesman at Israel's mission to the UN in New York.

He served as Israeli consul-general in South Africa from 1965-8.

Monbaz' involvement with Canada started in 1969, when he began a 3-year term as Israeli consul-general in Montreal. At the same time, he served as Israel's representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization.

During this time, he married Montreal-born Marilyn Silverstein.

From 1971-2, he was Israeli consul-general in Toronto.

After his final official posting, as Israel's ambassador to Malawi, Monbaz retired in 1975 and returned to Canada. "I was still very keen on working," he said.

His enthusiasm and knowledge of the Canadian community earned him the position of national field director and national advisor to the UIA. In 1981, he was appointed associate national executive director.

"Canadian Jewry is very warm and supportive of Israel," said Monbaz, who travels across the country annually to address UIA functions and help co-ordinate regional organizations and campaigns. "Outside of the U.S., Canada is the single largest contributor to Israel in the world," he said.

Monbaz, whose era of service included the laying of the foundations of the Jewish state, the Holocaust, the rebirth of Israel and the subsequent struggles for its survival, told The CJN he felt privileged at being able to serve in Canada now. "It is an important time here," he said. "I believe that Canadian Jewry will draw even closer to Israel."

Monbaz predicted:

- Increased aliya from Canada, as awareness of Israel among young people here becomes more widespread.
- Increased participation in the community by Israeli and Russian immigrants, as they become established.
- The continuation of the community's "vibrant leadership" as the ranks of young people taking an active part in community dynamics continue to increase.

"The single greatest danger facing us is assimilation," he said.

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New volume of essays analyzes Canadian Jewish community

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

"The Canadian Jewish Mosaic," a volume of essays co-edited by professors Morton Weinfeld, William Shaffir and Irwin Cotler, is a big, meaty book that will serve as a convenient reference on almost everything you wanted to know about the Jewish community of Canada, from its organizational hierarchy to its attitudes on sex.

It is also a highly readable book and surprisingly frank, given the fact Mosaic is for general distribution, full of the latest facts and figures (generally up to the late 70s) on Canadian Jewry, combined with analyses by some of the top Canadian Jewish academics.

Although the book represents a synthesis of existing information, all of the essays are original, except for one.

Weinfeld, an assistant professor of sociology at McGill University who teaches a course on the Canadian Jewish community, conceived Mosaic as filling a void in books providing comprehensive, up-to-date information and analysis of Canadian Jewry. The goal was to produce a book that will give the reader "a feel for the pulse of the Jewish community of present-day Canada."

Most of the essays are written "with an eye resolutely fixed on the future, rather than a sentimental past . . . Although they offer more than a little criticism of Jewish life and institutions at root they reflect an affirmative outlook on modern Jewish life in Canada," say the editors.

Shaffir is an associate professor of sociology at McMaster University in Hamilton and Cotler, a McGill law professor, is national president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Work began on Mosaic in 1978; in all there were 24 contributors to the 511-page book, published by John Wiley & Sons of Toronto. (The book was launched last week at The Jewish Book Fair in Toronto.)

Mosaic is divided into five parts. Part I, "Early Encounters," deals with Jewish immigration to Canada, including a piece by Irving Abella and Harold E. Troper on the Canadian government's indifference to Jewish refugees between 1933-39.

Part II is about the community's social and political institutions: the family, Jewish education, religion and its voluntary organizations.

"Marginal" groups within the community, those which have been traditionally absent from the decision-making process, are dealt with in Part III, "Beyond the Mainstream." These groups include the Jewish poor, the elderly, women, the Sephardim in Quebec, the Jews of Atlantic and Western Canada, and the chassidim of Montreal.

Part IV, "Culture and Ideology," contains essays on Yiddish and on Zionism in Canada, as well as discussion of the interaction of Jewish and Canadian culture. Participants include Ruth Wisse, of the McGill Jewish studies department; Mervin Butovsky, of the Concordia English department, and Howard Roiter, of English department of the Universite de Montreal, with Weinfeld as moderator. This discussion was taped in 1979.

"The Challenges for the Future," set forth in Part V, comprises intermarriage, anti-semitism, Canadian Jewry's relations with government, and the Quebec Jewish community.

There are no exposes in Mosaic but many of the essays offer a behind-the-scenes account of some of the issues. Harold Waller, a McGill associate professor of political science, author of the 1974 "The Governance of the Jewish Community of Montreal" and a co-editor of the forthcoming "The Politics and Organization of Canadian Jewry," writes two essays in this vein. "Power in the Jewish Community" tells how leaders are recruited for local and national organizations and how decisions are made, and the encroachment of the local federations on traditional responsibilities of Canadian Jewish Congress.

In "An Examination of Zionism in Canada," Waller looks at the Canadian Zionist Federation's search for relevance as other bodies, like the federations, become more closely associated with Israel-related activities and Canadian Jews find other means of expressing their attachment to Israel than affiliation with Zionist political factions.

Howard Stanislawski, associate national director of the Canada-Israel Committee from 1975-80 and now a policy analyst for the Commission on International Affairs for American Jewish Congress, gives an account of the events surrounding the community's efforts to move the Canadian government to enact anti-Arab boycott legislation. Although on the surface this move seemed a failure, Stanislawski points out that lessons were learned that have sharpened the Canadian Jewish community's skills in presenting its case to the government on foreign policy matters.

Waller and Weinfeld, on "The Jews of Quebec and 'Le Fait Francais,'" visualize what life might be like for Jews in a sovereign Quebec, which would likely take a pro-Arab stance in its foreign policy.

Weinfeld's essay on intermarriage, "Agony and Adaptation," offers some relatively new statistics. In 1978, according to Statistics Canada, 26.5% of the Jews marrying that year took a non-Jewish mate (30.6% of Jewish males and 22.1% of Jewish females).

These figures are not conclusive though — they exclude marriages in Quebec (where about 40% of Jewish marriages occur) and do not take into account spouses who converted before the marriage or afterward for that matter.

Weinfeld also gives one answer for why more Jewish males intermarry than Jewish females: there is a shortage of young Jewish women. In the 20-34 years age category, there are about 2,000 more Jewish males than females. The reason may be that more Jewish boys are born and that the community has a higher than average proportion of immigrants, who are more likely to be male.

All this has led the editors to conclude that the Canadian Jewish community is distinctive among minority groups within the Canadian mosaic, because of four basic characteristics: the combination of ethnicity and religion, affluence that has permitted the establishment and maintenance of extensive institutions, ties with Israel and memory of the Holocaust. Jews can also be considered among the most committed to collective survival.

Another conclusion that emerges is that the Canadian Jewish community is different from its larger and better known United States counterpart:

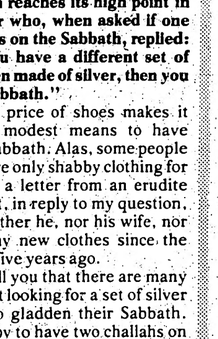
"Canadian Jews, to put it most simply, are more 'Jewish' than American Jews. They speak more Yiddish, provide their children with more intensive Jewish education, make higher per capita contributions and relatively more visits to Israel, are more likely to be Orthodox and less likely to be Reform, and have lower rates of intermarriage."

Bloomfield re-elected national president of Histadrut group

MONTREAL —

Bernard M. Bloomfield was re-elected national president of Canadian Friends of Labor Israel during the organization's recent conference in Montreal.

Delegates from across Canada attended the day-long session which featured addresses by Ontario Federation of Labor president Clifford Pilkey and visiting Israeli professor Ayre Globerson.



Bernard Bloomfield

Speaking at a trade union session, Pilkey noted the similarities of Canadian trade unionism and Israel's Histadrut with regard to wages and working conditions. He commended the great strides the movement has made in Israel in providing social welfare to improve the quality of life.

Pilkey pledged his organization's solidarity with Histadrut and Israel at the session, which concluded with the proclamation of the David Lewis Memorial Fund which will establish a vocational school in Ramala.

Another session was devoted to "looking ahead" during which Prof. Globerson spoke on "future prospects of Israel's ethnic communities."

Referring to Histadrut as instrumental in establishing the State of Israel, Globerson said the movement must now address the problem of the social gap between Israel's two big cultural communities, the Ashkenazis and the Sephardis.

"Because most of Israel's people are touched by Histadrut it must try to ease and deal with this tremendous problem," he said.

Stressing there is no discrimination in Israel, Globerson said Sephardis still perceive themselves as being discriminated against.

"We must address ourselves to making them feel equal by enabling each group to develop its differences and self-expression," he urged.

"Histadrut," he added, "must be the instrument to diminish the gap between the various ethnic communities."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Misguided, at best

Former U.S. President Nixon did not distinguish himself recently when he incautiously indicted the American Jewish community for its alleged imprudence in opposing the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

Nixon was engaging in the well known selective indignation syndrome. It consists of ventilating ill-conceived prejudices while ignoring the broader perspectives.

It is a tendency that is becoming all too frequent in the news media. Major Haddad's troops in Lebanon are referred to habitually as "Israeli supplied." The PLO's Soviet and Syrian suppliers are rarely mentioned.

Israel's "intransigence" is the object of reproach; the obdurate refusal of rejectionist Arab coalitions to let Israel live doesn't merit comment in the press.

The lopsidedness of the current assault on Israel occasions both melancholy and rage.

The situation is not improved moreover, by the entry into the fray of misguided Jewish individuals who are building their reputations on an anti-Israelism that is as unsavory as it is reprehensible.

I. F. Stone, a celebrated journalist and one time Zionist sympathizer (he wrote a book on the Jewish refugees of 1948) has for a long time now been joining the cacophony of Jewish voices expressing indignation about this or that aspect of Israeli domestic or foreign policy with nary a word of criticism of Israel's detractors.

Chancellor Kreisky of Austria appears to have mellowed somewhat since he observed the indecent celebrations which Arafat participated in, in the wake of Sadat's assassination. Yet for years he has singled out Israel as a state and Begin as Prime Minister as representations of sin incarnate. His Arab friends could do no wrong.

The most egregious example of the indignation syndrome comes from one of the least expected sources — Noam Chomsky, the pioneer researcher in modern linguistics. The scion of a famous family (his father William is the author of a renowned study of Hebrew), this MIT professor not only aims his criticism against Israel (without inculpating any Arabs groups) but now has loaned his name to be dubious exercise of supporting the right of those who challenge the factuality of the Holocaust.

Chomsky recently signed a petition on behalf of France's Prof. Faurisson, the Holocaust debunker fined last July in Paris for spreading seditious lies. In defending Faurisson, Chomsky affirmed the right — even of authentic war criminals — to teach in universities.

In the office next door to yours, Prof. Chomsky?

Our handicapped

A recent commercial on Canadian television put it succinctly but accurately: "The chief disability faced by handicapped people is the lack of understanding." The lack of awareness in the public sector is the greatest obstacle confronting the entry of the handicapped into the work force.

This is the opinion of the Israeli virtuoso violinist Itzhak Perlman, interviewed recently by a New York City rabbi. Perlman has succeeded in becoming an internationally renowned violinist who performs sitting on a chair.

The reason? As a child the young Israeli was stricken by polio. His parents, however, did not permit that disability to interfere with his musical career.

"They sure did it right," said Perlman, "I feel particularly proud. . . . It's difficult to parent and there was no Dr. Spock in Hebrew."

Perlman indicated that he had wanted to learn the violin even before he was stricken with infantile paralysis. "It would have been easy for them to say, 'let's do the best we can.' There was no question of 'poor baby has to practice,' and so I didn't have any problem with my disability."

The Jewish community can learn an important lesson from the Perlman saga. Historically, the Jewish people has continually carried a variety of disabilities from persecution to disenfranchisement. Handicaps have been part and parcel of the Diaspora development.

We are therefore as a community conscious of the problems posed by that segment among us which, through no fault of its own, finds itself saddled by physical and mental handicaps. We have the obligation to be aware of the plight of our handicapped brethren.

Awareness, however, is only the first step. In what way are our synagogues, Jewish centres, fraternal organizations and landsmanshaft groups reaching out to meet the Jewish disabled? Is the philosophy of Itzhak Perlman's parents being actualized within the corporate community structure?

So far, the answer to this question is far from satisfactory. But this may change as the result of the national conference on the disabled being held this week in Toronto under auspices of the National Council of Jewish Women, with the co-operation of Canadian Jewish Congress. We commend these organizations for trying to get the entire Jewish community deeply involved in this situation. The handicapped have been ignored for too long a time by too many in the community.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Chaim Weizmann, principal founder of the State of Israel, was born on Nov. 27, 1874.

The third of 15 children born to a Pinsk timber merchant, Weizmann was forced to leave the country to attend university because of Russian restrictions. In 1892, he enrolled in biochemistry studies in Germany and plunged into Zionist circles.

In 1896, he was caught up in Theodore Herzl's drive for a Jewish state. He rose rapidly in the burgeoning movement. He differed with Herzl's strictly diplomatic approach. Weizmann pressed for the establishment of cultural and educational institutions in Palestine as a prerequisite for Jewish independence.

In 1903, Weizmann took a strong stance against the proposal of Uganda as the Jewish national home, which brought him to the attention of British leadership circles.

In 1904, Weizmann began a science career in England that within 12 years saw him the director of the British admiralty chemical laboratories. His work, which included the development of special gunpowder with which Britain was able to pursue World War I, earned him the gratitude of British leaders. His sole request as payment was aid in the establishment of a Jewish state.

On Nov. 2, 1917 Britain replied with the Balfour Declaration, announcing British intent to establish in Palestine "a national home for the Jewish people." In 1918, Weizmann was sent to Palestine to advise on its development. In 1919, he led a Zionist delegation to the peace conference at Versailles, where he helped arrange the British Mandate over Palestine as a preparatory step for independent Jewish statehood.

In 1920, he convened a Zionist conference in London to mobilize resources for the rebuilding of Palestine — the financial arm of the Zionist Organization was to become known as the Keren Hayesod. Also that year, Weizmann was elected president of the world Zionist movement.

Weizmann's triumphs faded rapidly with the rise of dissension in Zionist circles, increasing Arab hostilities, and mounting evidence of British intransigence. He resigned in 1930 for five years in order to raise funds for Eretz Israel and to establish a scientific institute in Rehovot, which later became the Weizmann Institute.

The post-war refusal of Britain's new government to honor long-standing promises was a mortal blow to Weizmann's credibility and health. In 1946, he went into retirement.

One year later, the aging lion shook off disillusionment and frustration to help win three major achievements. He persuaded U.S. President Harry Truman to override state department objections and support the establishment of a Jewish state. He convinced the UN to give the Negev to the Jews. Belying his former position as a moderate, he urged Jewish leaders to proclaim the independence of Israel immediately upon Britain's withdrawal from the Mandate, regardless of any UN or U.S. proclamations.

Weizmann became Israel's first President.

Copenhagen judge draws very fine line; Kurdish Jews had unique community

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Is there a difference between anti-semitism and anti-Zionism?

Zionists would say there isn't. But a judge in Copenhagen begs to differ. In a recent ruling, he drew a fine distinction, saying that anti-Zionism was a political term, while anti-semitism was the common designation for attitudes hostile to Judaism.

The case arose after Axel Lademann, a leading Copenhagen surgeon, wrote a series of newspaper articles accusing a member of parliament of anti-semitism. Landemann alleged that Steen Folke, a Socialist, was a "Jew hater" and a disseminator of anti-Jewish propaganda.

Folke represents the Leftists Socialists, a party which sympathizes with the PLO and believes that the Arabs who left Palestine prior to Israel's establishment are entitled to return to their former homes. Although he was prepared to concede his anti-Zionism, Folke denied Lademann's charge of anti-semitism.

The judge admitted that anti-Zionism may reflect anti-semitism, but he said that there was no hard-and-fast evidence to prove Folke's alleged anti-semitic attitudes.

For his troubles, Lademann was fined and ordered to pay Folke's court costs.

In a second development pertaining to Denmark, the Jewish Chronicle News Service reports that Denmark's tiny Jewish community is virtually bankrupt because of a dispute which pits one communal body against the other.

The Board of Representatives, the umbrella organization of Danish Jewry, recently fired the Chief Rabbi because he neglected to gain its approval for participating in a TV documentary about Judaism in Denmark. The Board of Deputies, the community's consultative commission, disagreed with the decision and asked the Board of Representatives to rehire Bent Melchior.

Melchior, scion of a long line of rabbis, is supported by most members of the Jewish community, who now refuse to pay their communal taxes.

The Board of Representatives is isolated but apparently defiant. No solution appears in sight at this writing.

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Twenty five thousand Jews once lived in the mountainously remote region of Kurdistan, which takes in parts of Iraq, Iran, Syria, Turkey and the Soviet Union.

Descendants of the Israelite and Judean tribes exiled by the kings of Assyria, these Jews were scattered throughout 200 villages, towns and cities. It is said that they constituted a unique Jewish community because agriculture was a major source of income.

Between 1950 and 1952, the great majority of Kurdish Jews immigrated to Israel. It was not strange that they chose Israel, for Kurdish Jews were among the first eastern Jews to settle in Palestine in the modern era. Today, Israel is home to 100,000 Jews of Kurdish origin.

It is appropriate, then, that an exhibition chronicling Kurdish Jewry should be staged in the Jewish state. Entitled The Jews of Kurdistan, it opened recently in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem and is scheduled to close Jan. 31.

On display at the show are 500 items and photographs — some of which were gathered by an Israeli survey team which traveled to Iranian Kurdistan in 1977. It would have been impossible for Israeli scholars to have gone to Iran today, since Iran and Israel no longer maintain diplomatic relations.

According to The Jerusalem Post, the exhibition highlights the synagogue, the home and the market.

Kurdish Jews built their synagogues on the banks of rivers and streams so that they could follow the halachic injunction of having adjoining ritual baths. The floor of the synagogue was a few steps lower than the courtyard in keeping with the verse: "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee O Lord."

Like Kurdish Moslems, the Jews of Kurdistan usually erected their homes on mountain terraces. It is no coincidence that many Jews of Kurdish descent in Israel live on or around mountain tops.

Jewish dietary laws governed their eating habits, but their cuisine was heavily influenced by Moslems. Two popular dishes were kuba and yaprakh. Kuba, round or flat cakes, consists of a mix of ground wheat or rice, with a drop of water and salt, stuffed with fried meats. Yaprakh is grape leaf, cabbage or onion skin stuffed with a mixture of rice, lemon juice and tomato sauce.

On Shabbat, they would eat a special meal of mabote, made of ground wheat, chick peas, meat, kuba, cow's intestines and stuffed chicken — the Sephardic version of Friday night Askenazic chicken soup and boiled meats.

Since agriculture was so primary to Kurdish Jews, they engaged in farming. Many of them were landowners. In towns, Jews were found in the wood and ferrying trades. The cities contained Jews who were often below the poverty line.

Life could be hard, as robbery, murder and slavery were quite common in areas of Kurdistan. As of a few years ago, a handful of Jews still lived in Kurdistan, which in recent years has been the scene of revolts against the central authorities in Iraq and Iran.

These rebellions flare and die according to circumstances. In the early 1970s, Israeli advisors are said to have helped the Kurds of Iraq in their war against the Iraqi army. The revolt was crushed in 1975 after Iran and the U.S. agreed to halt their assistance to the rebels.

To this day, the Kurds still seek to manage their own affairs in the context of genuine autonomy. But the governments which rule them have, in varying degrees, rebuffed their claims.

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John Morley, a priest, has written a disturbing book about the role of the Roman Catholic church during World War II. "Vatican Diplomacy And The Jews During The Holocaust" [Ktav, N.Y.] is often a plodding work stylistically. But it merits careful scrutiny. Morley's message is, simply, devastating.

The book covers the period spanning 1939 to 1943. Vatican files from 1944 onward are still closed to scholars.

Pope Pius XII, Morley writes, failed the Jews by not doing everything possible on their behalf. Instead of exerting his considerable influence to save lives, he fell back on reserve and prudence. "This approach does not seem to have been motivated by malevolence or anti-semitism, but was caused by an inability to depart from cherished ecclesiastical or personal concepts to confront the evils besetting Europe and the Jewish people."

(In another recent book, "The Papacy and the Modern World," author Rev. J. Derek Holmes claims that the pope withheld condemnation of Nazi atrocities because he did not want to jeopardize the status of thousands of Jews who were being concealed by the Vatican.)

According to Morley, the pope made a mockery of his oft-repeated claim that Vatican diplomacy was dedicated to justice and brotherhood. The pope and his nuncios rarely protested the Nazis' racial laws, and they did not condemn the deportations which followed.

With few exceptions, church leaders were concerned primarily with baptized Jews. "They suspected that some Jews were seeking baptism to escape . . . anti-Jewish persecution or even to save their lives," he notes, "but, nevertheless, they welcomed the conversions. They felt that divine grace might have been using such human motivation to accomplish providential purposes."

• The pope's nuncio in Romania, Morley believes, was possibly the most active of the Vatican diplomats in Nazi-occupied Europe in matters concerning Jews. Although he was mainly interested in assisting baptized Jews, he once went out of his way to express displeasure about the impending deportation of Jews who had not chosen the path of apostasy.

• In France, the papal nuncio's attitude was ambivalent at best. Vichy's anti-semitic legislation of 1940 and 1941 met with hardly any opposition from the church hierarchy. "One is forced to conclude that (he) concerned himself little with the Jews of France. Even the Vatican's efforts on behalf of the orphaned Jewish children of France were not initiated by him."

• Vatican diplomacy proved futile in Slovakia as well, although the church there was well situated to apply pressure on the collaborationist government. The record of the Vatican in Croatia, Morley says, "is particularly shameful." Croatian leaders stressed their fealty to Roman Catholicism and emphasized their loyalty to the pope. Yet his representative in Croatia made few efforts to help the Jews.

• In Italy, seat of the first fascist regime, the behavior of the Vatican was ambivalent.

The Vatican lent assistance to thousands of Roman Jews by hiding them in religious institutions. Yet its reaction to the deportation of 1,007 Jews from Rome's ghetto was so minimal "as to be disappointing and, possibly, shameful."

Vatican diplomats helped foreign Jews in Italy threatened with deportation. And while they requested the amendment of certain provisions in racial laws, they did not rebel against the basic rational of these ordinances. Vatican attempts to alter racial edicts were primarily directed toward helping baptized Jews. "Jews who remained faithful to Judaism were ignored . . . The suffering which they endured . . . were neither discussed nor considered."

• The pope's nuncio in Germany, Orsenigo, was "indifferent" to the fate of Jews, Morley remarks. And his superiors in Rome conveyed no instructions to him. In Germany, there was silence from the Vatican as the axe fell on the Jewish community.

• Vatican diplomacy did not function in Poland — home of 3.3 million Jews — because the nuncio left before war broke out. The Germans refused him permission to return, and Orsenigo replaced him in Warsaw. Except in a number of cases, involving Polish Jews abroad, Orsenigo kept his distance from them. Concludes Morley: he and the Vatican "said and did nothing" for Polish Jewry.

Two Kurdish women. Most Kurdish girls married between ages of 12 and 14. Courtesy of "The Vanished Worlds of Jewry" by Raphael Patai [Macmillan].

Why is Eddie a director of a workers' bank? Is it OK by Bill?

By J. B. SALSBERG

First, and by way of introduction:

Eddie is the name that friends and foes of Edwin A. Goodman use when referring to that very prominent member of the legal profession in Ontario, who is also reputed to be the top political advisor to the Premier of Ontario and to the Progressive Conservative party of that province.

Bill, is the name that almost everybody in Ontario uses when referring to the Premier of that province, but whose full name is William Grenville Davis.

Hapoalim, refers to the well known Bank Hapoalim of Israel.

By now, my discerning readers, you will wonder what those three names have in common and how do they combine to serve as a subject for this column? Your bewilderment is quite understandable. I mean, after all. . . . But have patience and it will all become crystal clear.

It all started, of course, at the weekly session of the Thursday night shvitz regulars — that sanhedrin of wise men who assemble, rain or shine, in their favorite centre of scorching pleasure and enlightenment. This renowned assembly is presided over with dignity and wisdom by my good uncle Eliezer and ably assisted by his two lieutenants, Mendle and Sam.

It seems that Mendle, the instigator of most polemics in the shvitz, had seen legal advertisements in the press informing the public (as is required by law) of applications that a number of foreign banks were making to the federal minister of finance for licences to operate in this country. Mendle's eyes focussed on applications made by two Israeli banks: the Bank Leumi and the Bank Hapoalim.

That alone would not have caused much of a stir in the shvitz. After all if American, German, Japanese and other foreign banks want to operate here, why not Israel? But the law also requires that such ads carry the full names, addresses, citizenship and occupation of the nominated Canadian boards of directors of the applying banks. Mendle, as was to be expected of him, carefully noted the names of the nominees to the directorship of the two Israeli banks. It was the Bank Hapoalim list that brought a mischievous shine to his eyes. And the rest, as they say, is obvious.

During the repast (a lechayim and corned beef sandwiches) Mendle made known his amazing discovery and he also expressed his deep concern for Eddie's welfare. "Does Eddie know," Mendle asked, "what he is getting into? More important," Mendle added with tongue in cheek, "does Bill Davis know about Eddie's meanderings into the camp of the Israeli Poalim?"

Well, my friends, one thing led to another and the Thursday night regulars ended up with a bundle of unanswered questions and concerns which they brought to me for solution. And that's how my good uncle Eliezer and his bosom pal, Mendle, arranged and kept an appointment at my place.

I listened to my visitors and carefully read the names of the proposed directorships and recognized, of course, all the Canadian Jews chosen to govern the Canadian operations of both banks. What intrigued my uncle and, to a degree, also myself was why certain nominees made it and why others didn't. So let's become specific.

It so happens that I had a modest connection with the establishment of the Bank Hapoalim. That was soon after World War I. The Jewish working men and women of Palestine, the early chalutzim in town and country, were in dire need of financing the network of enterprises and institutions that they established and without which the Yishuv would not progress. So they founded the Bank Hapoalim, which, in plain English, means the Workers Bank. The founding capital came from shares sold in North America by the then Poale Zion (Labor Zionist) movement. I was one of the youngsters who joined the older Poale Zionists in the effort to sell shares here. It was, of course, all on a voluntary basis.

And so, after consuming more tea and lemon than we could count or measure, I offered the following words of wisdom to uncle Eliezer and Mendle.

The establishment of Canadian branches of two major Israeli banks is an occasion to be welcomed and celebrated. May they prosper and grow. Amen.

As for the directorships of the two banks, they include fairly good and fairly prominent Canadian Jews. May they succeed in their efforts. Amen.

With regards to the Bank Hapoalim, only one of the proposed directors, Milton E. Harris, seems to come to it by right. His father-in-law, the late Joseph Brody, was a founder of Poale Zionism here and one who actually helped raise the founding capital by selling the first issue of Bank Hapoalim shares.

Phil Granovsky, another nominee as a director, could also claim some rights to the position. His father-in-law was close to the Labor Zionist movement.

Why, my dear uncle Eliezer, you ask, is no one of current Labor-Zionism in Canada on the board? That may be more of a commentary on the present state of Labor-Zionism in this country than on the Bank Hapoalim.

That leaves Eddie to account for. Has Bill Davis' government retreated so far from traditional Toryism that it is quite OK for his chief advisor to be a director of a Labor bank? What of Joe Clark's sanctified "private enterprise" and the "privatization" of government-owned enterprises?

Are you sure, Eddie, that it's all right for you to become a director of Labor bank? Yes? If so, welcome aboard.

Mazel Tov to both Canadian branches of Israeli banks!

Nationalist called "Quebec's most dangerous anti-semite"

Proposed memorial arouses storm of controversy

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

An impassioned debate has been raging across the editorial pages of Le Devoir — spilling over into other francophone media — during the past few months from which the Jewish community has been virtually absent even though it is one of the key elements of the issue and may be directly affected by its outcome.

The debate began last July when the ultra nationalist St. Jean Baptiste Society proposed that a statue be erected to honor the memory of Abbe Lionel Groulx, the priest and historian who is considered by many to be the most important exponent of French-Canadian nationalism (indeed it was he who brought the term French-Canadian into popular usage) and was a veritable guru to a generation of young francophone students in the 30s — many of whom today occupy respected positions within academia and public life.

A statue should have been just one more accolade to Groulx, who died 15 years ago; there are already streets, a metro station, and a pavilion of the Universite de Montreal named for him. Premier Rene Levesque unveiled a plaque to Groulx a few years ago on the home of Bloomfield Ave., where Groulx lived and worked.

It took a francophone Protestant minister, Swiss-born Claude de Mestral, to point out a small wrinkle in this adulation: he claimed Groulx was a racist, notably anti-semitic, with fascist sympathies.

This letter to the editor of Le Devoir touched off a flurry of other letters and articles on whether or not Groulx's otherwise meritorious contributions — essentially instilling a new pride and direction for French-Canadians who largely felt like a conquered people — should be clouded by his alleged racism. Although the vast majority of today's Quebec nationalists would prefer to disassociate with much of Groulx's philosophy, viewing it as a throwback to bygone era with its emphasis on Catholicism, agrarianism and anti-democarcy, the reverence for Groulx the man remains.

The plot thickened last month when the elderly Francois-Albert Angers, a respected economist [he won one of the 1980 Prix du Quebec] and disciple of Groulx, indicated on the Radio-Canada television program "Noir sur Blanc" that there are certain positive aspects to fascism [for example, Germany's economic progress under Hitler] and that Groulx had only enunciated some well known characteristics of Jews.

[Keystone Canada photo]

Abbe Lionel Groulx in 1966, shortly before he died.

A fresh spate of letters appeared in Le Devoir after the program, most of them denouncing Angers' outburst. The jury however is still out on the Groulx statue and the debate has turned to one more concerned with whether nationalism has an inherent racist aspect — a perhaps more complex variation on the ongoing question of "Who is a Quebecois?" and the place of minorities in Quebec.

Victor Teboul, Quebec director of the Canada-Israel Committee and editor of its French-language magazine Jonathan, which seeks to bring about a greater understanding between French and Jewish Quebecers, believes this debate could be a turning point in Quebec's evolution.

"Anti-semitism was prevalent in many parts of the world in the 20s and 30s, including English Canada, the United States and Europe. But unlike elsewhere, Quebec has never closely examined nationalism from this perspective . . . Anti-semitism has been something taboo and never looked at critically from an historical point of view for fear it might reflect negatively on the Quebec nationalist movement."

Eric Maldoff, president of the Council of Quebec Minorities, feels the debate is a "healthy" one and will be good for Quebec in the long run. "This soul-searching is an important process."

The person who has probably done more research on Groulx's attitudes to Jews than anyone else, historian David Rome, said the whole debate is "a painful and bitter issue." Quebecers will have to decide whether they want an open society, welcoming the integration of those from other cultures, or one more closer to Groulx's vision, he said.

Rome has published 13 research papers on anti-semitism in Quebec under the title "Clouds in the Thirties." Groulx figures prominently throughout these works.

As far as Rome is concerned, Groulx was Quebec's "most dangerous anti-semite," not in the sense that contemporary Adrien Arcand, who was dismissed by most as little more than a mob leader was, but because Groulx was an intellectual, possessing great charisma. His oratorical and writing talents were such that he could couch his racism in terms that were not openly offensive but whose message was clear, said Rome.

Groulx poured out his true feelings in articles under various noms de plume and in personal letters, said Rome. In one often-cited letter written in 1954 — well past the 30s — Groulx speaks of Jews' revolutionary tendencies, and "innate passion for money . . . so monstrous that it has left them without moral scruples" and led them to involvement in all kinds of shady businesses.

Typical of Groulx's public style was a speech to the Jeunesses Patriotes in 1936. After pointing out how certain groups like the English, Scots, Irish and Jews had flourished economically in Quebec under Confederation, he went on to say, "To realize our destiny it is not necessary to abandon ourselves to a work of hate, to an aggressive nationalism.

"Hate is anti-Christian and has negative effectiveness. It's not necessary to hate the English and the Jews to subdue them. It will suffice to cease hating ourselves."

Historian Mason Wade, in his widely respected work "The French Canadians" wrote that Groulx, during his studies in Switzerland and Paris, came under the influence of the school of thought of the noted 19th century French racist Comte de Gobineau, and the anti-democratic nationalism of Maurice Barras and Charles Maurras.

Groulx, says Wade, preached a kind of "cult of the homeland with Catholicism as a national unifying force" and "a hatred of alien influences, be they, Protestant, Anglo-Saxon, Jewish, Masonic, liberal republican or socialist."

Said Frank Schlesinger, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region: "A statue to a man like Groulx would hardly be conducive to racial and ethnic harmony in Quebec; his views were not exactly designed to foster mutual love . . .

"I personally don't think it would be advisable in these tense times to erect a monument to such an extreme nationalist. There certainly must be better people for such an honor."

Following the TV program, on which Angers appeared, a CJC delegation went to Radio-Canada to obtain a tape of the show which is, Schlesinger said, presently being studied by experts to determine what action, if any, CJC can take.

The sole member of the Jewish community who has had a direct voice in the debate up to now is Universite du Quebec a Montreal professor Gilbert Tarrab, who is originally from Lebanon.

In a Le Devoir article a few days after the Angers episode, he wrote that he was a Parti Quebecois sympathizer and had voted "oui" in the referendum. In explaining his political views, he wrote that he had frequently told his fellow minorities they had nothing to fear, as far as racism was concerned, from contemporary Quebec nationalism.

After hearing Angers, Tarrab wrote, he was "literally stupefied by the racist enormities" coming from a man so highly regarded in Quebec intellectual life.

"This is all more than sad. It is distressing and tragic for the Quebec ethnic communities, and not only for the Jewish community . . ."

The question now, says Tarrab, is to find out how many other Angers are still among us. "Let's be vigilant . . . It is necessary to uproot (such sentiments as those held by Angers) like a decayed tooth." History has shown us, says Tarrab, where this kind of talk can lead.

Israeli political cartoonist has stunning career

By JOSEPH FINKELSTONE

LONDON [JCNS] —

Ranan Lurie, who arrived recently in London to become political cartoonist of The Times, is a unique phenomenon in both the journalistic and the cartoonist's world. His name appears in the Guinness Book of Records as the most widely syndicated political cartoonist in the world. More than 400 newspapers print his hard-hitting cartoons.

World leaders willingly give him interviews, and U.S. President Ronald Reagan made a point of inviting him to breakfast at the White House, with no one else present. An American general once caused a sensation by remarks he made to Lurie. And the late Golda Meir was among many who sought Lurie's advice, though, characteristically, she did not accept it.

For an Israeli to be so widely accepted in so many countries is unusual, to say the least — and it is also highly profitable. In London, Lurie has been installed at the Savoy Hotel. He has four homes — two in Honolulu, one each in the United States and Germany.

Meeting him outside his office at The Times, it is difficult to believe that he is affected by the doubts, confusions and agonies which are no less a part of the lives of political cartoonists as they are of creative journalists. At age 44, he remains handsome, his face unlined (so it appears) by problems; his clothing is expensive and elegantly tailored. Yet his outward elegance hides both a passionate pride and a fierce aggressiveness about his work.

Nearly everything about Lurie is phenomenal. He was only 15 when he joined Israel's emerging army to fight in the 1948 War of Independence; at 17, he was already an officer. He was severely wounded in one hand and is not ashamed to display the scars.

Though born in Cairo, which his parents happened to be visiting at the time, Lurie belongs to one of Israel's oldest and most renowned families. His great grandfather, Shmaryahu Lurie, who supplied goods to Napoleon's armies in Russia, arrived in Palestine in 1815. His children intermarried with the Rivlin family and Ranan Lurie was a prominent celebrant at the Rivlin tribe reunion in Israel last year, when he produced artistic family trees.

After leaving the army and studying at a Jerusalem art college, Lurie displayed unusual gifts both as journalist and as cartoonist. At 20, he became executive editor of Hador, an Israeli journal; a year later he was editor in chief of a magazine called Tevel. The following year — at only 22 — he received the highest Israeli award for journalism.

Becoming a reserve major in the Israeli forces, he joined a paratroop unit, completed 100 successful jumps and then trained with the Foreign Legion, with British paratroopers at Aldershot, and with the American 101st Airborne Division in Kentucky.

He was in Canada in 1967 — where he had been invited to stage a one-man show at Israel's pavilion at the Montreal Expo — when he learned of the imminent outbreak of the Six Day War. He rushed back to Israel, donned uniform and commanded a unit which carried out a spectacular raid into Jordan that helped to capture Tulkarm.

It was at the height of his success as a journalist that Lurie decided to make what he describes as a "dramatic switch" and become a cartoonist. By then his work had already appeared prominently in Maariv [one of whose leading figures, Moshe Zak, had given him his first job] and Yediot Achronot, the two afternoon newspapers. The drawings speedily attracted the attention of Life magazine, whose political cartoonist he became.

This marked the beginning of Lurie's unstoppable success. After Life, Lurie appeared for many years in Newsweek, where he was given a page to himself. He started his syndication service and soon discovered that a record number of newspapers were keen to carry his cartoons.

Yet success did not induce complacency. Lurie felt a restless need to experiment and to see the world from different locations. Thus, he decided to work in Honolulu, and then in West Germany, a move he undertook only after considerable hesitation and after consulting friends in Israel.

His move to London is part of his eagerness to experiment, to understand the motivation of different cultures. It is clear that he views the London experiment as a particularly exacting one, since he keenly appreciates the sophistication of Britain's top journalists. But, he adds, "I greatly enjoy the English sense of humor, which is so lacking in Germany."

Lurie is clearly proud of his skill as a cartoonist — and one can detect a touch of vanity in his approach to his work. But he is passionately independent and totally rejects any compromise in what he regards as his ideals. Political cartooning, he believes, even more than journalism, can have a lasting effect on the development of humanity.

Even after adopting dual American-Israeli nationality, Lurie continues to be equally critical of American and Israeli policies. His sharp attacks on ex-President Nixon, for example, brought cries of anguish from the Nixon camp. And he feels that the present policies of Menachem Begin, Israel's prime minister, are harmful to the interests of the Jewish State.

Lurie blames Begin for the unpopularity of Israel in the world today. At the same time, he refuses to accept the notion that The Times is hostile to Israel. "My strong feeling," he says, "is that they want to be fair to Israel."

The aggressiveness that Lurie has displayed as a reserve major in the Israeli army has spilled over into his struggle for what he considers "principles of probity and truth in journalistic life." Thus, he is now involved in two major disputes: he is suing the West German newspaper, Die Welt [owned by Axel Springer, for whom he worked], because, he alleges, the huge German newspaper empire used his cartoons without permission to promote its interests. And he accused the secretary to the Israeli cabinet, Arye Naor, of revealing cabinet documents for personal gain, an accusation that is to be investigated by the Israeli authorities.

While in Germany, Lurie noted that many aspects of Nazism had not disappeared and that, in fact, not a few people in influential places still privately gloried in it. And social and moral decline in Israel was also, he says, causing him acute anxiety.

After his harrowing experiences in West Germany, he was ready to take his wife and four children back to Israel, but, surprisingly, he received no suitable offer from an Israeli newspaper. Perhaps the Israelis were frightened of his fame — and, more, of his alleged fees. In any case, Lurie doubts whether a move to Israel would help his art — or his success. "Being an Israeli, working in Israel for a world public, I might be seen to be too subjective," he admits.

Yet his deepest roots are in Israel and his pride in his Jewishness is not, he says, that of a "Galut Jew," with its complexes and doubts. It is the pride of an Israeli Jew, conscious of his freedom and his achievements.

Nor does he see the world from a Jewish perspective: he feels, for example, that one of Begin's major failures is due to his insistence that humanity should look through Jewish eyes, which it never does. Through this attitude, Begin was "creating harmful resentment against Israel."

Lurie recalls with a wry smile the occasion when he carried a message from the former U.S. secretary of state William Rogers to the late Golda Meir, Israel's prime minister. After listening to Lurie, Golda, who admired his cartoons more than his opinion of Rogers, remarked: "Ranan, you are still young. You are a different kind of Jew. You are a several-generation Israeli. You don't know these people (the U.S. state department). Rogers is a natural anti-semite. Whatever he says, whatever he thinks, came out of his tradition, his background and his natural inbred dislike of Jews . . ."

Lurie himself would strongly have disagreed with Golda — had she allowed him to. He felt that Golda, great though she was, "could not adapt to a new situation of a young, free, strong, independent Israel."

He implicitly believes that his success is due to his ability to become a "world citizen," to see problems "not through the narrow eyes of a perplexed and complexed Jew, but of a free and proud man, with its portions of aggressiveness as well as of charity."

He intends, one feels, to wander the world in search of new challenges, but also of new perceptions. The incisive and, at times, devastating castigator of the world's follies is as much intrigued in the developments within his own heart and mind as in those of the world leaders he caricatures with such power.

Charges of elitism and affluence breed resentment of kibbutzim among Israelis

By CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

During a pre-Rosh Hashanah interview, Prime Minister Begin, in answer to leading questions, criticized the kibbutzim for what he called their haughty and superior attitude. No wonder the inhabitants of the development towns and immigrant centres dislike them, he said, as they sit around their swimming pools, like millionaires. The allusion was to Labor Party television programs which interviewed kibbutz members at their swimming pools.

The criticism was of course too sweeping, and hence not altogether fair. It might have been forgotten, had not the kibbutz movement decided to mount a massive public relations campaign in reply. The result has now become a great national controversy, and not all the voices are being raised in defense of the kibbutzim.

Even the critics do not hesitate to credit the kibbtuzim for their great achievements in the early days of national settlement. Those who drained the swamps of the Emek, or set up the towers and stockades of the Galilee and the Negev, those who pioneered a new way of life which commanded the admiration of the entire world, have earned their place in the annals of the Zionist movement and of Israel. But those who have followed cannot hide the fact that the kibbutz of today is quite a different place, except perhaps for a few of the new and still struggling settlements.

In their indignant replies to Begin, the kibbutz spokesmen repeat that they can't understand why people hate them so much. And they are getting their replies in full in the press and on radio and television. The lack of popularity of the kibbutz today may be ascribed to three or four factors, for most of which the kibbutz members themselves are to blame.

The kibbutz members have prided themselves on their elitism, and on their superior way of life. They may be absolutely correct, but that is hardly a way to win popularity. A foreign volunteer working on a kibbutz told his radio audience that when he greets a kibbutz member in the morning and smiles at him, the chances are that the kibbutznik will not answer and will stride on. Strangers and outsiders are treated like non-persons.

If there is a deep wall of misunderstanding between the Sephardim of the development towns and the kibbutzim, the fault lies with the collectives which failed to absorb any considerable number of the immigration from Morocco and Iraq. Their desire for exclusivity because of the nature of the life they live may be understood, but the result is that, aside from a few rare exceptions, the kibbutzim are reservations of almost pure Ashkenazi estates. This has nothing to do with racialism; the kibbutzim are above that. But they, themselves, have chosen separatism.

Sociologically, too, the kibbutz is not what it started out to be. A breakdown of kibbutz population shows that only about 19% are engaged in agriculture, 18% in industry, and while the kibbutz hires labor from outside or advertises for "volunteers" to come help out, no less than some 50% of the members are engaged in what can be termed services, public and personal. An employer of labor cannot demand that his employees love him, especially when there is a marked and obvious contrast in standards of living.

Furthermore, whereas in 1945 the kibbutz members accounted for 6.4% of the Jewish population, today they are only 2.8% of Israel Jewry, and they have difficulty retaining their own young people on the kibbutz. When the Labor Party mobilized swarms of propaganda teams from the kibbutzim who descended on the cities and towns of the country on the eve of elections to "teach" the benighted city dwellers what was good for them, the resentment was almost to be expected. There were too many who remembered that under successive Labor Governments the kibbutzim had enjoyed benefits and favoritism far out of proportion to their numbers.

It is very likely that some of the unpopularity which the kibbutzim cannot understand is due to envy. Those who have not yet reached the better life begrudge those who have. By keeping themselves aloof, socially, the kibbutz members have not helped things along.

And so public resentment has mounted against the pretentiousness, the elitism and the haughtiness of the kibbutzim. In this backlash, unfortunately, sight has been lost of the constructive achievements of the past, and the positive social and educational values which the kibbutz can still teach to society here.

Piety, legends and own history of persecution make for Ireland's goodwill to its Jewish citizens

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The recent rebuffing of a PLO attempt to establish a regional office in Dublin is but another indicator of the unique position of the 2,000-member Jewish community of Ireland.

Irish Chief Rabbi David Rosen, 30, told The Canadian Jewish News that the PLO bid was quashed through the influence of the three Jewish members of the Irish parliament and the sympathies of the public at large.

Rabbi Rosen was on a 10-day tour recently of Canada on behalf of the United Israel Appeal. In Toronto, he addressed a major United Jewish Appeal meeting. His tour included stops in Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Vancouver and Moncton.

"No other country in Europe has treated its Jews with such consideration as Ireland," he said, in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News.

"But then, the relationship between Ireland and its Jews has been a closer one than in probably any other country except Israel itself," said Rabbi Rosen.

At three, the Jewish MPs outnumber by one the Protestant representatives in Ireland's parliament, even though there are 100 times as many Protestants as Jews in the country's overall population of 3,000,000. As it happens, the three are the legislative whips of the country's major parties.

"Ireland is a religious country that treats its religious minorities well," said Rabbi Rosen. The duties and privileges of his own position indicate an attitude on the part of the Roman Catholic majority towards its Jews that is considerably more than tolerance, he said.

"The chief Rabbi has state status," said Rosen. "He appears at state functions, greets visiting dignitaries, and has official media time.

"The Chief Rabbi is consulted by the state on national issues, such as divorce and matters involving the constitution," he said.

Rabbi David Rosen

The Chief Rabbi's official duties are inscribed in the Irish constitution, which guarantees religious freedom for religious minorities.

Ireland's present community is the result of a small Lithuanian migration at the turn of the century that was cut unexpectedly short, said Rabbi Rosen. "The people had left Lithuania, trekked across the whole of Europe and then boarded ships to go to America. The Irish Sea was in one of its stormier moods, rough and windy, and by the time they landed in Ireland — the final stop before crossing the Atlantic — the emigrants had had enough of traveling.

"Legend has it that the voyage's organizer told the Jews they had arrived in America and needed to go no further. Whether they believed him or not, they stayed on," said Rabbi Rosen.

In 1920, 26 out of the large island's 32 counties achieved independence as the republic of Ireland. The remaining six, with a larger Protestant populace, were maintained as a division of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland.

The hostilities between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland has not affected the Jewish community directly. The Jews of Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital, have dwindled to 750 in the past 15 years because of economic deterioration and not any physical threat, according to Rabbi Rosen.

"But the Jews share the patriotic sympathies of their host country. Jews in the north tend to be pro-Protestant, those in Dublin are pro-Catholic," said Rabbi Rosen.

"The story is told of a man crossing the border at the height of hostilities and being stopped by masked IRA men. They put a gun to his head and ask him if he is a Protestant or a Catholic. Neither, I'm a Jew, he answers nervously. Well, then, they ask, are you a Protestant Jew or a Catholic Jew?"

Rabbi Rosen ascribes Irish goodwill to the people's own rule by Britain for nearly 800 years — an iron-fisted and often cruel domination that taught them an appreciation for the position of the powerless. "The Vatican II edicts promulgating tolerance for the Jews have been taken more seriously by the Irish than by any other Catholic nation," he said.

"Ireland's deeply religious traditions, unlike other such countries, have resulted in an acceptance, rather than rejection of their Jews," said Rabbi Rosen. "The more observant the community is, the more it is respected. The typical Irishman would be more indignant if he saw a Jewish shop open on Saturday than perhaps a fellow Jew," he said.

Dublin's community is largely moderate Orthodox. A chassidic and a Reform element [about half of which is composed of converts to Judaism] each make up about 10%. The Chief Rabbi's position as supervisor of shechita, community spokesman and director of education has helped avert the dissensions that have plagued communities with conflicting authorities.

Ireland's affinity for its Jews may be in part due to a romantic link in the country's poetic traditions. These say that after the first temple was destroyed, about 586 BCE, a daughter of King Zedekiah and the sole survivor of the Davidic line, Tea Tephi, eventually came to Ireland with the Prophet Jeremiah and his scribe Baruch. She settled in Tara, the ancient seat of Irish kings, and married into its royal family.

Among the treasures she is said to have brought over were: the harp of David, celebrated in Irish balladry as "the harp the once in Tara's (Torah's?) halls the soul of music shed;" the royal escutcheon, the lion of the house of David; and the Lia Phail (Stone Wonderful), the reddish rock which is regarded by some as the pillar on which the patriarch Jacob rested when he fled Esau and which was later incorporated into the first Temple.

Much of the cherished Lia Phail was eventually lost by the Irish to Fergus, King of Scots, who in turn lost it to the English. It became better known as the Stone of Scone, an essential instrument in the coronation of British kings. The part remaining with the Irish is the famous Blarney Stone, still on view at Blarney Castle a few miles outside Cork.

Almost as fantastic, but very much a matter of public record, is what Irish wags have come to refer to as "Hitler's Synagogue." It seems that in 1941, a stray German bomber mistook Dublin for an enemy target and damaged Greenville House, housing Ireland's second-largest synagogue. The Germans reimbursed an indignant Irish government, which in turn paid to have the synagogue repaired.

World-National

Mark MacGuigan addresses parliamentarians at Hadassah convention. Seated are, from left, Yeshayahu Anug, Joe Clark and Clara Balinsky.

WIZO faces expulsion from UN, parley told

OTTAWA —

The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO), of which Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is an affiliate, faces the possibility of expulsion from the economic and social council of the United Nations, Evelyn Sommer WIZO's UN representative, told delegates at Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's convention here.

The UN will review the status of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are members of that council early next year, she said. WIZO is the only Zionist organization on the council.

Convention delegates resolved to immediately launch a national campaign to make the Canadian public, particularly members of other Jewish and non-Jewish volunteer organizations, aware of the validity of WIZO's present status at the UN.

"WIZO participation as an NGO at the UN is important to the international recognition of WIZO as an innovative, humanitarian, educational and social welfare volunteer organization, and is an important support to Israel at the UN," the convention resolved.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO also plans to urge all its sister WIZO federations to launch similar campaigns, where possible, in their countries.

Sommer also urged Canadian Hadassh-WIZO to influence the Canadian government either to boycott the concluding conference on the Decade for Women, scheduled to take place in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1985, or at least to reduce its allocations to this program.

The infamous "Zionsim is racism" resolution originated at the opening conference of the Decade for Women in Mexico City in 1975. The mid-decade conference in Copenhagen in 1980 also digressed into a forum for anti-Israel posturing.

"We have to decide what we are first — a woman or a Jew? I say we must decide that we are Jews," said Sommer, a native of Buenos Aires who is director of the Latin American department of the Jewish Agency in New York City. Sommer said she was instrumental in convincing the US to cut its budget for the women's decade fund.

"Women must not be ignorant or silent witnesses to what happens at the UN," she said. "Our fury must be heard loud and clear."

Sara Ehrman, legislative liaison for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, also urged women to take a high profile in the political sphere.

She told delegates that they should not hesitate to lobby in Canada for issues concerning Israel or world Jewry. "It's part of the democratic system; it's the Canadian way," she said.

Referring to the AWACS deal, Ehrman said, "We may have lost on the roll call in the Senate, but we won on the merits."

The AWACS issue demonstrated, she added, that "anti-semitism is just one inch below the surface in the U.S. and will surface in times of stress. . . .

"We started hearing accusation of dual loyalty — are you for Israel or the U.S.; are you an American or a Jew; is Begin or Reagan setting American foreign policy?"

The failure to stop the AWACS deal also taught the American Jewish community that it must extend its efforts to the small centres where there may be as few as 100 Jews rather than concentrate on areas where there are large Jewish populations, she said.

Cantor David Abtowizer leads Hadassah-WIZO members in the singing of Hatikvah during Soviet Jewry rally. Seen in front, from left, are Estelle Brans of Saskatoon, Judy Mandleman of Vancouver, Clara Balinsky and Yvonne Hardy of Montreal, national president Mirial Small of Toronto, and executive vice-president Lily Frank.

500 delegates protest at Soviet Embassy

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

About 500 of the delegates to the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO convention here last week staged a rally outside the Soviet embassy to protest the declining number of exit visas issued to Soviet Jews and the repression of Jewish religious and culture life in the Soviet Union.

They were joined by David Berger, the Liberal MP from the Montreal riding of Laurier.

Hadassah-WIZO president Mirial Small made an unsuccessful attempt to present Soviet ambassador Alexander Yakovlev with a petition bearing 1,000 signatures collected across Canada endorsing five demands: exit visas for Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel; an end to harassment of those who want to emigrate; visas to Jews who have been refused in the past; release of all Prisoners of Conscience who are being detained solely because they have expressed a desire to go to Israel; and restoration of Jewish national, cultural and religious rights.

Soviet embassy officials made no response to the demonstrators and the petition was left at the gate.

Cantor David Abtowizer of Agudath Israel Congregation in Ottawa led the women in prayers and the singing of Hatikvah and O Canada.

Peace awards are announced

NEW YORK —

The 1981 Covenant of Peace Awards of the Synagogue Council of America were recently presented at the New York Hilton Hotel to Lee Strasburg, for his contribution to the arts; Nathan S. Ancell, for commerce and industry; Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, for international affairs; and Sol C. Chaikin, for labor.

About 300 people attended the dinner.

In announcing the award winners, Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, president of the SCA, the national co-ordinating agency for the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbinic and congregational organizations, said the four honorees "have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields of endeavor and as valued servants of the community at large."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin received the Covenant of Peace Award in a special SCA ceremony last month, during his visit to the United States.

Members of Hadassah saluted at gala banquet

By GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

To salute the 17,000 members of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, one of the largest federations in WIZO's global network, World WIZO, assisted by Bank Leumi, hosted a gala banquet as part of the Canadian organization's 29th biennial convention last week.

More than 750 delegates and guests filled the Skyline Hotel's ballroom, as a guitarist played rousing Jewish favorites. Delegates of all ages joined hands and participated in the spontaneous dancing around the tables.

Ottawan Stella Torontow, national conference chairman and national vice-president, presided as dinner chairman at the gala.

Relinquishing their frenetic pace, the delegates resumed the formal part of the evening and honored two women for their dedication to Israel and their struggle for human rights and the freedom of emigration.

The Canadian Award, for anyone in politics, philanthropy or volunteer services who works in the human rights field, was presented to Flora MacDonald (MP Kingston and the Islands) "for her tireless efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews."

MacDonald, Canada's first women external affairs minister, was the unanimous choice for the 1981 award. For many years she was president of the Elizabeth Fry Society. She remains a staunch champion of prison reform, particularly as it affects women. MacDonald is national director of the Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry and an active member of the parliamtary committee on Soviet Jewry.

MacDonald has established close ties with Canadian Hadassah-WIZO since she traveled to Israel with the organization several years ago. "I count many of you as my close personal friends — people to whom I turn when I need advice and encouragement. You have never failed me," MacDonald said. "We have shared a variety of experiences, some humorous, some extremely sensitive, some deeply moving."

She accepted the award with a mixture of pride and humility, pride — "because I love this country so deeply," humility, "because I'm a very ordinary human being who has always felt my first responsibility is to tackle the job before me, whatever that might be."

Referring to delegates' concerns for Canada's shifting support of Israel, MacDonald saw the swing as a passing phenomenon. "Progress is sometimes temporarily halted as if caught in shifting sands" but the Jewish community has her personal commitment to stand by Israel unconditionally, she said.

Neri Bloomfield, honorary president, said, in presenting the award that MacDonald is "an outstanding Canadian whose commitment and contributions to the goals and purposes of the democratic process . . . is a shining example to us all."

The Rebecca Sieff Award, named after WIZO founder Lady Sieff, from Britain, was given to Simcha Horesh, 38, a symbol of all Jews of Arab lands who had to flee their own countries and seek refuge and shelter in Israel.

Horesh, from a long standing Iraqi family, saw her husband leave for work in October 1968 and heard his brief radio broadcast trial at midnight of Jan. 26, 1969. Charged with spying for Israel, he was hung two hours later.

In the intervening months Horesh, pregnant with her second child, knew nothing of her husband's whereabouts. A first attempt to escape to Israel was aborted and Horesh was imprisoned, with her two children. World pressure brought about her quick release. A second attempt a year later was successful and Horesh arrived in Israel, penniless and joyous.

"I doubt if anybody can understand how it feels . . . the wonder of feeling, of being . . . somewhere . . . that you belong to a country. I became Israeli the moment I came to Israel," Horesh said in a voice close to breaking point.

The Iraqi community had been "one of the most influential, most emancipated" until the 30s when "they turned all hell loose on the Jews," according to Horesh. Many were massacred, persecuted, driven from their homes. Most left in 1951-52. It is now almost impossible for those remaining to leave.

Anne Eisenstat, honorary president, praised the woman's heroic efforts on behalf of all Jews who had fled oppression and built new lives in Israel.

Horesh was visibly shaken by the award: "It is a great moment for me . . . a great honor . . . my feelings betray me. It will take time, I think, for me to absorb how big it is," she said through tears.

A Flora MacDonald scholarship has been established at Canadian Hadassim, children's and youth village, while a scholarship in Simcha Horesh's name has been set up at Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's agricultural school at Nahalal, in Israel.

Ruth Tekoah, head of World WIZO's public affairs department, read a lengthy and impassioned message from Ruth Izakson, World WIZO chairman, forced to return to Israel, due to her mother's death. Izakson stressed the urgent need "to fill the abyss into which Israel's disadvantaged youth are falling with alarming increase."

Bank Leumi representative, Moshe Rosen, announced the opening of Canada's first Bank Leumi branch in Toronto. He said his company hopes to fill all of Canadian Jewry's corporate and individual banking needs in competition with other established financial institutions. An extensive promotional campaign will begin shortly, Rosen said.

Bank Leumi can make "a fine contribution to fostering the ties of friendship and co-operation between Israel and Canada," he said.

4,344,378 claims

Due to a typographical slip, there was an error in the Nov. 12 column of the Jewish World. A total of 4,344,378 claims, not claimants, has been made successfully against West Germany by survivors of the Holocaust. We regret the confusion this mistake may have caused.

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Children at a Mizrachi day care centre in Kiryat Arba enjoy a meal with a member and a staff member.

Membership drive launches image update

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO — Mizrachi Women are updating their image as they launch a membership drive at Petah Tikva Congregation, 20 Danby Ave., Monday evening, Dec. 7.

At a recent executive gathering, several members stressed that their society "supports traditional Judaic beliefs and values" as it moves forward in a practical approach to present day problems.

Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women, soon to be streamlined to Emunah, the name now used in Israel, is an offshoot of a men's group dedicated to the ideals of religious Zionism which emerged in Poland during the late 1800s, geared toward Israel aliya.

The first Canadian Mizrachi Women's chapters were formed half a century ago in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. In 1942, a national organization was created, and today embraces 40 chapters coast to coast. Worldwide membership totals 120,000.

There are 13 chapters in the Toronto area, including a boys' and girls' youth group, B'nai Akivah.

Commitment to Israel has expanded over the years as the Mizrachi movement becomes increasingly involved in opening nurseries and day care centres, vocational schools, community centres and after-school drop-in spots, throughout the country.

In Israel also, there is help for Shaare Zedek Hospital and Soviet immigrants, through Mizrachi.

The William and Sarah Laskin day care centre at Givat Mordechai, a suburb of Jerusalem, which has just been completed after five years of effort, is the most recent of some 26 projects designed to improve the quality of life for many Israelis.

Future plans include renovation of Neva Michael, one of the earliest Canadian-sponsored day care centres and nurseries, plus a vocational school for teen-age girls, at Pardes Chana, south of Haifa. A number of scholarships will be awarded.

Mizrachi Women note that their efforts are on a continuing basis. "We don't just build and then abandon."

Funds have been raised through kosher cooking demonstrations, bazaars, and last spring, an art auction. Proceeds from an annual sponsors' tea also help mothers and children in Israel.

Says Toronto Council president Sue Magder: "Mizrachi provides a lasting bond between ourselves and the State of Israel, permitting us to promote the welfare of its people, and to assist with the economic and spiritual security of its youth."

She adds that "Torah learning goes hand in hand with secular instruction."

SJA criticizes

TORONTO — The Secular Jewish Association has issued a sharp criticism of the dropping of aboriginal rights in the constitutional accord recently agreed to by the federal government and the provinces and now before the House of Commons.

In a telegram to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and NDP leader Ed Broadbent, the association expressed its "disappointment and dismay over the exclusion of aboriginal rights in the proposed Charter of Rights as agreed on in the recent constitutional conference."

The SJA said Canada could not be built by denying rights to minorities. It urged steps be taken to redress what it called "unacceptable discrimination."

The telegram was signed by SJA's president Av Sohn and secretary Jack Orbaum.

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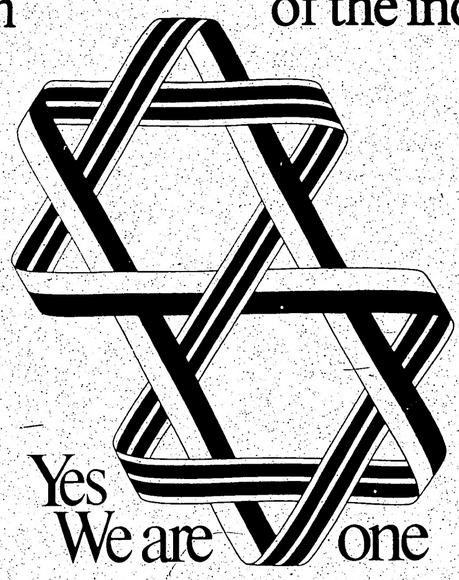

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Organizations and People

What's New

By Miriam Herman

KNOWS THE UNDERGROUND

Jeffrey Traubici, 15-year-old alumnus of the Associated Hebrew Schools and a grade 10 student at CHAT, won second place in the first international quiz on Jewish underground activities held in Tel Aviv. The quiz began with 13 contestants from six countries [Israel, the U.S., Canada, England, France and Argentina], who won local contests in their own countries. First prize winner was Yaron Eliav, a 17-year-old Israeli. From left to right are: Joseph Bar-Noy, Associated teacher who planned and organized the contest in Canada; Jeffrey Traubici; Rabbi Pinchas Brumer, principal Hebrew studies junior high, and Joseph H. Rosenfield, principal general studies junior high.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH

The Jewish book committee of the Jewish Cultural Council of Toronto Jewish Congress invites the community to join in the celebration of Jewish Book Month which commenced Nov. 14 and continues through to Dec. 20. This year's theme is "Jewish Books: A Treasure to be Cherished."

A number of major events directed to the community will be held during the month and Jewish book exhibits will be displayed in some public libraries and posters posted throughout the city.

SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL LECTURES

Rabbi David Weiss Halivni, professor of rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, is the featured speaker at the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz memorial lectures presented by the University of Toronto. On Sunday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m., in the Medical Sciences Building Room 3153, Prof. Weiss Halivni will discuss "Talmud Criticism : Heresy or Progress?" At the seminar on Monday, the 30th, at 3 p.m. in Upper Library, Massey College, the topic will be "From Ancient to Modern: Varieties of Jewish Learning."

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

It is not too early to start making plans for the holidays. The Jewish Camp Counell has arranged some family holiday packages that may be of interest to you. "The Stealaway" runs from Dec. 24-27 and "The Ultimate Experience" from Dec. 24-30. Packages include excellent meals, winter sports, fitness classes, games, entertainment and Special programs for children. Contact the camp office at 924-6211 for registration details.

TORAH STUDY SERIES

Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of Toronto's new congregation, Beth Avraham Yaakov, will open a winter series of Monday evening Torah study sponsored by the Jewish Education Program in co-operation with Ohr Somayach Institutions. Rabbi Taub, noted thinker, lecturer and expert on Jewish outreach, will deliver the lecture "Only 20 Shopping Days Until Chanukah — Conceptions and Misconceptions of Chanukah." Lecture takes place Nov. 30 at 8.30 p.m. at Beth Jacob High School, 410 Lawrence Ave. W. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

BNEI AKIVA VISITOR

The international secretary of Bnei Akiva, **"Duvdev" Avraham Duvdevuni**, will be in Toronto next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 1 and 2, and will meet with local Mizrachi leaders and the management of Bnei Akiva and the Yeshivot Bnei Akiva Or Chaim. The purpose of the visit here (and Montreal and the U.S.) is to encourage Bnei Akiva youth everywhere and to strengthen the connection between the chapters in North America and the centre in Israel. For further information, phone **Shlomo Roml** at 667-9528.

FASHION SHOW AND SALE

Beth Torah Sisterhood's fashion show and sale, set for Sunday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. at the synagogue, is offering a discount on all merchandise sold at the show. The admission ticket at $5 per person includes tea and dessert. Reservations can be made by calling the synagogue office at 782-3561. The synagogue is located at 47 Glenbrook Ave.

LIFESTYLE AND DIABETES

The Canadian Diabetes Association, Toronto Branch, is starting a discussion group about "Lifestyle and Diabetes" for young people between the ages of 18-35. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 26, at 7.30 p.m. at 234 Eglinton Ave. E. (near Mt. Pleasant), suite 504. The telephone number is 488-8871.

BB WOMEN'S BOWLATHON

Come and strike some points for a good cause. If you have a few spare minutes on Sunday, Nov. 29, don't miss this chance to show your support for B'nai B'rith Women's celebrity bowlathon. It takes place from 1-5 p.m. at Power Lanes at Bathurst and Finch (southeast corner).

Programs benefiting from this event will be The League for Human Rights, furthering Judeo-Christian dialogue; educational programs for the handicapped; local youth programs; blood donor clinics; and the Children's Home and Group House in Israel for emotionally disturbed boys.

ANTI-TERRORISM SYMPOSIUM

An anti-terrorism symposium takes place Thursday, Nov. 26, in Moot Court, Room 101 at Osgoode Hall at York University. The speakers are **Sharon Williams**, a professor at Osgoode, who will be speaking on the legality of terrorism, and **Simcha Jacobovici**, who will deal with the ideology of terrorism. The symposium is from noon to 2 p.m.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute announces that registration is now open for courses in conversational Hebrew for the winter season, at all levels, for adults and teenagers. The course will commence in January. For consultation and registration, students are requested to call **Joseph Klinger** at 787-0197.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN ISRAEL

The Association of Parents with Children in Israel (APAI), Toronto branch, is meeting on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. at 788 Marlee Ave., to hear **Eva Dessen**, national director of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, talk on "Update on the Middle East Situation." The association is sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Centre. For more information, call 781-4660.

YIDDISH CULTURE COUNCIL

Guest speaker at the meeting of the Yiddish Culture Council on Sunday, Nov. 29, is **Mordechai Halamish** of Israel, prominent writer and literary critic. His topic — "A Thousand Years of Jewish Life — Eastern Europe — The Last Chapter." The time is 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

TOPICS UNLIMITED

The Monday, Nov. 30 session of the Topics Unlimited series offered by Public Affairs and Continuing Education of the Koffler Centre of the Arts, will deal with "Different Factors Influencing Present Day Life in Israel" with **Nevrat Ephrati**. The program is held from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Teen Lounge and it is free. For further information, contact **Georgine Nash**, director of PACE at 636-1880, ext. 33.

A NOTE FROM JERRY DIAMOND

This is a note from **Jerome D. Diamond**, retiring executive director of the Jewish Family & Child Service:

"I thank the Jewish community of Toronto for its gracious, warm outpouring of tribute in my honor, for our treatment centre program for adolescents (a check for $65,000 was presented to JF&CS for the newly-named Jerome Diamond Adolescent Centre on Keewatin Ave.). I have been receiving many enquiries about contributions for the capital improvements of the treatment centre facilities. I would direct those enquiries to **Gordon Wolfe** at JF&CS, 781-1592."

RECONSTRUCTIONIST SYNAGOGUE

On Saturday, Nov. 28, Congregation Darchei Noam, the Reconstructionist synagogue of Toronto, will have guest speaker, **Hadassa Rosenberg**, talk about "Biblical Archeology Proving Historical Accuracy of the Bible." That's at 10 a.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St.

SELF-HELP GROUP FOR WIDOWS

A self-help group for widows will meet this Sunday, Nov. 29, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre. This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to women 55-70 years, widowed less than two years. Call 789-5131, ext. 410, if you wish further information.

RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale run by Adath Sholom Sisterhood this Sunday at the synagogue will feature good used clothing and a variety of household items. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and the sale will continue to 3 p.m. All proceeds go to charity. The synagogue is at 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The kosher cooking school organized by the Orthodox Division of Canadian Jewish Congress and Clanton Park Synagogue, is offering two more series.

Series F — "Cuisinart for the Novice" is a 1-session demonstration primarily for the novice but will also be of interest to those who wish to learn some new techniques. Class will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Fee is $10.

Series G — "Gourmet Diet Cooking" is a 2-session course for those conscious of diet cooking but wish to prepare special gourmet and party foods. Classes will be held Tuesdays, Dec. 8 and 15. Fee for the two sessions is $20.

All classes are held at Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor Ave. from 8-10 p.m. Instructor is **Esther Schwartz**. For information, call 977-0050 or 977-0062.

A GRAND AUCTION

Sunday, Nov. 29, is the date of the grand auction sponsored by Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. There will be a preview, beginning at 6 p.m., followed by the auction at 8 of brand new furniture, household goods, appliances, jewelry and other items too numerous to mention. Ten door prizes will be given away including a pair of airline tickets to Florida. Free refreshments and entertainment by the Shema Yisroel Band throughout the evening.

General admission is $3. Tickets available at the door.

FIRST CANADIAN SHOWING

The first Canadian showing of "Free Voice of Labor — The Jewish Anarchists" is slated for Sunday, Nov. 29, for one night only. The 1-hour film paints a dramatic portrait of immigrant life in the U.S. as seen through the eyes of those workers who made up the mass of the Jewish anarchist movement. The Toronto showing is sponsored by the Emil Gartner Lodge of the United Jewish Peoples Order and the Marxist Institute. The time is 7.30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Tickets $2.50 at the door.

ISRAEL SCIENCE FAIR

Competition is now open for the first annual Israel Science Fair sponsored by the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and to be held on the Mount Carmel campus from April 18-23. The competition is open to all Israeli high school students. First prize is a full year's scholarship at the Technion.

The idea of an Israel-wide science fair originated with the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Technion Society. The Toronto chapter is sponsoring an Ontario-wide fair to be held at the Ontario Science Centre Feb. 17-22. Open to all high school and university students in the province, the fair offers as first prize an all-expense paid summer and study visit to the Technion. Second prize is an "Apple" mini-computer.

The Israel Science Fair is a direct result of the Toronto project.

ON STAGE AT THE POSLUNS

"Sweetmama," a brand new musical written by and starring **Salome Bey**, premieres at the Leah Posluns Theatre this week. It is the bittersweet tale of **Ethel Waters**, who became one of the greatest blues singers to come out of the 30s and 40s. It is directed by **Bette Howard** with **Reva Stern-Tward** producing and the Leah Posluns Theatre, in co-operation with the Art Theatre Production Company, mounting the production.

There is a preview showing Thursday, Nov. 26, and then the official opening on Saturday, Nov. 28, for a run through to Dec. 19. Box office number is 630-6752.

PARENT-TEEN SYMPOSIUM

The Toronto Regional Councils of B'nai B'rith Men and B'nai B'rith Women, in conjunction with B'nai B'rith Youth, are sponsoring a Parent-Teen symposium this Sunday, Nov. 29, at the BB Centre, 15 Hove St., beginning at 9.30 a.m.

The theme of the symposium is "Whither Our Youth — And What We As Parents Can Do About It." The keynote speaker will be **Gordon Wolfe**, newly appointed director of Jewish Family & Child Service of Metro Toronto. There will also be a guest faculty consisting of experts in different facets of Jewish life in Toronto.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $2 for youth and include breakfast. They are available at the BBYO office at 15 Hove St., or at the door. For information, call 635-9411.

AN INVITATION FROM NCJW

The National Council of Jewish Women invites you to meet your friends and neighbors for coffee and conversation on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 32 Eddy Green Ct. (off Mullen Dr.) from 9.30-11.30 a.m. Babysitting is available. For information, call 633-5100.

ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE

The Canadian Centre for Studies of the Holocaust and Genocide is holding its first annual general meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8.30 p.m. at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), room 2-214, 252 Bloor St. W. Members and friends are invited to hear guest speakers **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg**, whose topic will be "Genesis to Genocide," and **Maxine Blendis**, who will focus on the 20 centuries of genocide of the Falasha.

MIZRACHI MEN'S EVENTS

Advertising executive **David Cravit** spoke at the Mizrachi Toronto Council meeting last week. Mr. Cravit is putting together workshops "in communicating Israel's message to the media."

Cudyk Weinberg, president of Mizrachi Men Yavneh Chapter announces that **Kurt Rothschild**, national president of Mizrachi, is the guest speaker at the chapter's breakfast meeting this Sunday, Nov. 29, at 9.30 a.m. at The Bayit, 296 Wilson Ave. Mr. Rothschild, recently returned from a 2-month visit to Israel, will report on the current political situation there.

For information, call the Mizrachi office at 630-7575.

SLIDE AND SOUND

On Sunday, Nov. 29, at 1.15 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am junior USYers (ages 13 and 14) will have a slide and sound presentation by **Herman Reches**. That same evening at 8, the senior USYers (15-18 years) present Israel Coffee House, featuring folksinger **Andrew "Shotsy" Shaul** and company in a program of folk, popular and Israeli music.

NE SINGLE PARENTS

The single parents group of the North-East Branch of the Jewish Community Centre is meeting for volleyball on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7.30 p.m. in the small gym at York Mills Collegiate. Call **Eileen Garber** at the NE office for further information. The number is 493-8866.

To receive the December issue of the newsletter with all the Chanukah activities and for membership information, call Eileen at the NE office.

COLLECTING FOR BIKUR CHOLIM

We have reports that someone has been collecting money for Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem from private people in various cities in Canada.

According to **Herman Landau**, treasurer of Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem, the organization does not field fund raisers in that way and the person has no authorization to collect any money. If you are approached, contact Mr. Landau at 783-5773.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, the Association of Welfare for Soldiers in Israel is holding a luncheon to extend appreciation to all organizations for their assistance and to pay tribute to **Gordon Mendly** for his work with the organizations. **Col. Yona Segev**, director of overseas and fund raising department in Israel, will be showing a movie. Luncheon is at 12.30 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

BIG SAVINGS

Friends of Pioneering Israel is holding a grocery bazaar with big savings on groceries, household items and clothing this Sunday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 181 Cooksfield Ave. (Sheppard-Wilmington area in shopping plaza near Schmerel's Deli).

MEGAMA CONCERT

Take some rock, blues, jazz and country music, blend them all with a Jewish message, and you have Megama, a unique 2-man musical team which has appeared in Israel, England and the U.S. **Moshe Yess** is the guitarist and lead singer. **Shalom LeVine** plays the viola and also does vocals.

Megama's first Canadian appearance on Sunday, Nov. 29, is being sponsored by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) and by Beth Avraham Yaakov — The Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Centre. All proceeds of the concert will be used to further the many programs conducted by NCSY for teen-agers throughout Ontario.

The concert is being held at Northview Collegiate (Bathurst and Finch area) starting at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are $7.50 for adults and $5 for students. They are available at Negev Bookstore, Ma Tov Bookstore, or by calling the NCSY office at 782-3117.

HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT

In honor of the International Year of the Disabled, musicians **Aubrey Weinfeld** and **Robert Theriault** are performing at various hospitals for crippled children and adults. Upcoming dates include Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Nov. 28, at 7 p.m.; Lyndhurst Hospital on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.; Westpark Hospital on Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.; Scarborough General Hospital on Dec. 9 at 7.30 p.m., and Runnymede Hospital on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

SENIORS NEWS

At the Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club luncheon on Monday, Nov. 30, entertainment will be by international concert violist **Rivka Golani-Erdetz**. Luncheon is at 12.30. RSVP by calling **Vera Shulman** at 638-4163.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, CJN columnist **J. B. Salsberg** will address the Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50. The time is 1.15 p.m. at the synagogue. Everyone is welcome.

The North-East Jewish Seniors Club meets on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. There is an oil painting class from 11.30 to 1.30 p.m. followed by a social hour of needlecrafts, cards, bingo, and a fitness session with **Rochelle Donsky**. After that, the B'nai B'rith Women present their film "The Jews of Canada," with a discussion to follow.

The Senior Citizens Friendship Club at the Forest Hill Public Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., is holding a bazaar on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library.

At the Wagman Centre — The Jewish Ethics, Philosophy and Law series continues on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 3-4 p.m. with a discussion of "Women's Issue in Jewish Law" by **Rabbi Robert Marcus** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue. . . . An intergenerational program with B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is planned for Sunday, Nov. 29, from 3-4 p.m.

SINGLES NOTES

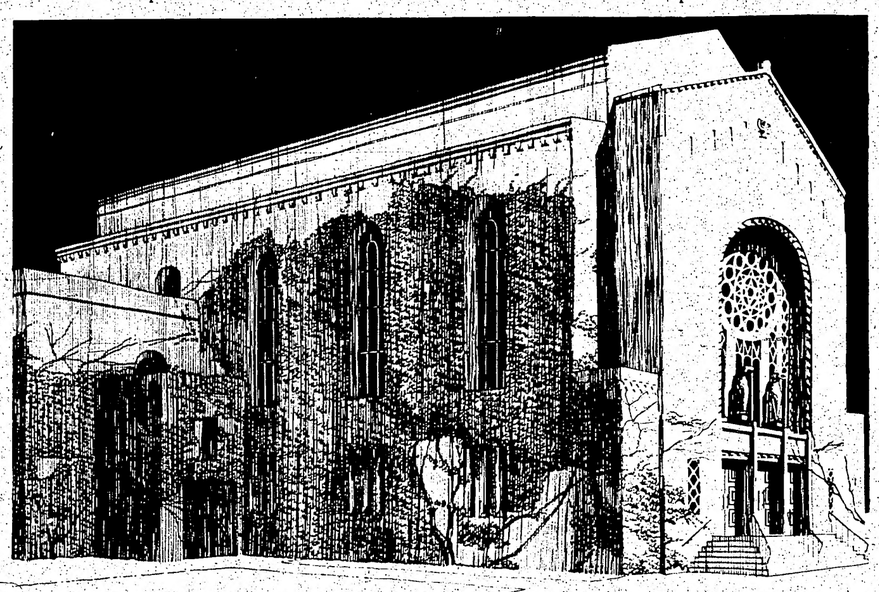
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Yachad group (30-49) is holding an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, Nov. 27, at 8.15 p.m. with guest speaker **Uri Broides**, Israel representative on aliya, speaking on "Israel — A Member of the World of Nations."

The Meeting Place at 788 Marlee Ave. features a dance party on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 8.30 p.m. for the 20s-30s set, complete with disc jockey, good food and drink and good company. Admission is $4. . . . Sunday, Nov. 29, is open house featuring a public forum in the Jerusalem Hall at 1 p.m. with **Steven Nemirov**, chairman of TELEM, discussing "Aliya." The public is invited and there is no admission charge. Admission is also free to the Israeli folk-dancing which follows at 3.15 with instruction by **Sharon Herman**. There is a karate class from 10 a.m. to noon in the Haifa Room. . . . For information, contact **Malka** at 781-3571.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, a singles social afternoon is planned at Obies of Yorkdale for 3 p.m. Admission is $2 (plus food) at the door or $1 in advance. RSVP by calling 636-6568.

Sunday, Nov. 29, is also the date of the Beth Tikvah Chai group (35-55) meeting when chiropractor **Judy Ben Israel** will talk about "When and Why Should I Chose Chiropractic Treatment?" The time is 8 p.m. in the lower assembly hall of the synagogue. Members' charge is $3 and for guests it is $4. Refreshments will be served.

The Jewish Camp Council is offering "The Celebration Special for Singles," a New Year's weekend from Dec. 31-Jan. 3 at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre in Parry Sound. Package includes winter sports, relaxation, dancing, entertainment and a New Year's gala champagne dinner and party. Call the camp office at 924-6211 for information and registration.



HOLY BLOSSOM SERIGRAPH

A silk screen serigraph of Holy Blossom Temple by Toronto artist Marie Hands was commissioned by the temple's fine arts committee under the chairmanship of Phyllis Pepper, as part of Holy Blossom's 125th anniversary celebrations. The picture, in limited edition of 250, can be obtained framed or unframed, and can be seen and purchased at the temple by calling Margaret Davidson at 781-9185.

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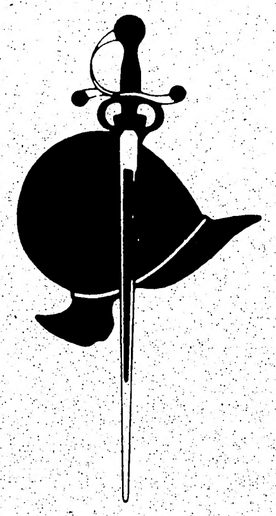

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RABBI SERELS NAMED DIRECTOR

Rabbi M. Mitchell Serels, who has served as a spiritual leader and teacher at Sephardic congregations in the U.S. and Canada, has been named director of the Sephardic community activities program, under the division of communal services (DCS) at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), an affiliate of Yeshiva University, New York.

Rabbi M. Serels

Rabbi Serels joined the university and served as associate director of the Sephardic community activities program for eight years, after leaving his post as spiritual leader of Toronto's Petah Tikva Congregation. In Toronto he was chairman of the Canadian Committee for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands and as chairman, maintained ties with rabbis in Syria at a time when Jews were the targets of organized harassment and discrimination.

The Sephardic community activities program was established in 1964 to help Sephardic Jews preserve their heritage through a variety of communal services.

A MAJOR ROLE

Sid Brall, executive director of Toronto Jewish Community Centre, has been selected as a key communal executive to play a major role in the second phase of a unique executive development training program currently being conducted by the Jewish Welfare Board.

Eighteen professions have qualified for the JWB training program which began with a 10-day seminar in August and will run to 1983. In phase II, the participants will spend a full week with a top JCC executive to help them develop an "executive style." Mr. Brail will serve as host executive to **Jay Leipzig** of the Hartford JCC.

Cindy Chazan of the Toronto JCC staff, is one of the 18 professionals in the program. She will spend a week in the office of **Reynold Levy**, executive director of the 92nd Street YM&YWHA in New York City.

FOR DISTINCTIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Earlier this month, **Jenine Seetner**, youngest daughter of **Dr. And Mrs. Barney Seetner**, received the North York Hydro award at the York Mills Collegiate commencement. This prize is presented annually to an outstanding student in the North York high school system in recognition of distinctive achievement based on academic standing and school participation.

AN AWARD WINNER

Torontonian **Barbara Cooper**, who produces audio-visual presentations under the banner of Cooper Communications, came up a winner at the recent international film and TV festival of New York by receiving an award for a presentation on foster care. The 8-minute film, commissioned by the Ontario ministry of community and social services, was one of 4,000 entries from 30 countries. **Mark Shekter** and **Chuck Welr**, who did the music for "Toronto, Toronto," wrote a song for the film.

CHAIRMEN OF FUND DRIVE

Harry Burke is co-chairman of a fund drive for athletic equipment for the Israeli army. The project, called the Israeli Army Athletic Fund, was launched during a recent dinner sponsored by the General Wingate Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The other chairman, as reported earlier, is **Max Clement**.

BOOK FAIR PRIZES

Winners of the Jewish Book Fair's youth program book report contest are **Allison Signer**, 7, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. H. Signer**, who won first prize for her report on "The Kids' Kosher Cookbook," and **Erin Kaufman**, also 7, whose parents are **Mr. and Mrs. S. Kaufman**, who took second prize for her submission on "Rivka Bangs the Teakettle." The contest was open to all Jewish day school students. Both winners are students at the United Synagogue Day Schools. Each received a book as a prize.

AT THE KOFFLER

An exciting new show will be on view at the Koffler Gallery for the entire month of December — new work in stone by **Angela Haupt** and forest images in clay and watercolor by **Norma Hutchings**.

Angela Haupt, well known in the field of stone sculpture, has participated in one-man shows and group exhibitions in Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor, London (England), Paris and Brussels. Her works are represented in galleries in Canada and abroad and in numerous private collections.

Norma Hutchings, full time professional ceramic artist, has been showing consistently in juried shows since 1974, winning "best in show," "best original design," and "best non-functional" recognition.

The exhibition preview is on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m.

RABBI SCHILD HONORED

The prestigious Human Relations Award conferred annually by the Canadian Council of Christian and Jews is being awarded this year to **Rabbi Erwin Schild** of Adath Israel Congregation. Customarily given to a Catholic, a Protestant and a Jew, the award is in recognition of work toward more meaningful and creative relations between the ethnic, religious and cultural groupings of our country. It will be formally presented at the annual dinner of the CCCJ next Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Royal York Hotel.

60 Canadians to attend

Shul convention in Boston

MONTREAL —

The 56th biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will be held in Boston from Dec. 3-8. Morris Miller, president of Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations, said approximately 60 Canadians from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and the west coast will attend.

Over 4,000 delegates representing more than 730 Reform Jewish congregations in North America are expected in Boston, Miller said.

The theme of the program is "Cherishing Faith and Affirming Freedom."

A number of workshops will be held during the conference and Miller said he will chair the session devoted to visiting the sick. Other workshops will deal with the areas of family concerns, memorial society and a widow's group.

There will also be a series of social service seminars on human rights and Soviet Jewry, the radical rights, bioethics, political action, budget and economic justice.

Speakers will include Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, UAHC president; Albert Vorspan, UAHC vice-president; Vice-President George Bush; Samuel Lewis U.S. ambassador to Israel; and Senator Edward Kennedy. Rabbi Albert Gottschealk, president of Hebrew Union College, will address the Sunday afternoon plenary session.

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Roots of jazz

"Imagine the Sound" is a film about the roots of jazz that will be shown at the Toronto Workshop Productions Theatre on Nov. 29, at 7 p.m.

The film features jazz musicians Archie Shepp, Cecil Taylor, Paul Bley and Bill Dixon in interviews and in studio and concert performances. There is also a poetry reading by Shepp.

It was produced by Ron Mann and local jazz musician Bill Smith. Mann, 23, is also the director.

The movie was released for showing this past summer and has received rave reviews from The Edmonton Jazz Festival, Montreal's World Film Festival and Toronto's Festival of Festivals.

It has also been shown in San Francisco, Paris, London and recently won the Silver Hugo Award at the Chicago Film Festival for best documentary.

Along with the screening, there will be a performance by flautist James Newton. Admission is $5.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

SENIORS CONVENE

The Association of Jewish Seniors drew one of its largest turnouts ever at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently when over 400 persons showed up to hear U.S. psychiatrist Dr. Robert Butler, director of the National Institute for Aging. Dr. Butler's topic was "The Struggle for an Independent Old Age." He spoke at the Dorothy Klein Memorial Lecture, an annual lecture set up to promote study and public education on the process of aging. The association is made up of 24 affiliated clubs and senior centres across Metro Toronto. From left are Dr. Arnold Iscove, program chairman, and Dr. Butler.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

WARM WELCOME

Rabbi Eliot Feldman [left] is officially welcomed as executive director of Mizrachi by Toronto president John Sanders at a maleveh malka held at Ulpanat Orot. Rabbi Feldman is also spiritual leader of the North East Hebrew Congregation, an Orthodox synagogue in the Leslie-Sheppard area.

[Michael Rumack photo]

PIONEER WOMEN GUEST

Pioneer Women-Na'amat sponsored a memorable evening with Chaim Potok at the Jewish Book Fair. With the author are Norma Barkin [left], Toronto vice-president, and Pearl Mekler, national president, Pioneer Women-Na'amat of Canada.

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Parshat Toldot

The greatest yichus is what you accomplish yourself. Both Jacob and Esau had the same great "yichus" — Abraham and Isaac. But one earned the World to Come, and the other. . . .

Reb Naftali of Rupschitz came from a great yichus of 30 generations of rabbis and Torah scholars. When he came for the first time to sit at the table of Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk, Reb Elimelech kept him at a distance. "I don't need another yachsan!" he complained.

"Is it my fault that I had a good father?" Reb Naftali said.

"Oh, then the yichus does not belong to you, but to your father. . . . If so, you can be my chassid."

To have wonderful parents and grandparents is a gift of G-d. But what is a parent? Someone who biologically produces you? It's not enough — a parent is someone whose good deeds you emulate, you live up to.

This week's parsha begins: "These are the generations of Isaac the son of Abraham; Abraham begot Isaac." But earlier, when the Torah describes the life of Abraham, it doesn't announce — "these are the generations of Abraham the son of Terach. . . ." Why not? Nor is there a mention of "Esau the son of Isaac." Why not?

But — says the Yismach Moshe — a person can only call himself the son or daughter of so and so if he continues in his ways. That is a true child. But a son who rejects the ways of his father, as Abraham did to Terach (for good) or Esau did to Isaac (for bad) — where is the yichus?

Every Jew has a yichus. Even if his father and father's father were transgressors, we are all still the **eineklech** of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

What is the yichus of a "ger," a convert? We speak about a convert as a spiritual child of Abraham, the father of gerim, and Sarah, the mother of converts. There are today in Toronto many sincere "gerim," converts to Judaism with all their hearts, believing and practicing the commandments.

Unfortunately, there are some children of Jacob who have adopted the ways of Esau, the ways of deception. There are some individuals who have made a "business" of doing conversions. Well-meaning people mistakenly approach them, and for a flat fee, are promised "conversion" with no strings attached. These "enterpreneurs" claim to be rabbis, but who has seen their ordination? Where have they studied? Can they translate a paragraph in the Shulchan Aruch or a simple Rashi?

Our rabbis teach in the Talmud: "Whoever can speak out about the transgressions of a city but remains silent, is himself held liable." We have in Toronto rabbinic organizations, community councils, learned scholars. Who will act? Who will step forward? Who will be the zealot for the honor of G-d, Torah and the Jewish people?

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This is a difficult time for the Jewish people. Anti-semitism is on the rise. Israel is in grave danger. Whence comes our strength?

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Why does the Torah stress **"that land?"** Because it was an extremely tough land with rocky soil. Why mention "that **year**" — because it was an extremely bleak and waterless year. But still Isaac planted, and still — with G-d's blessing — he received a hundredfold.

May all our blessings multiply a hundred-fold, may the Messiah redeem us soon. Shabbat Shalom.

Disabled long for much closer ties to city's Jewish communal life

By BEVERLEY STERN

The first national conference on the Jewish disabled is now in progress in Toronto. The conference is co-sponsored by the Toronto section, National Council of Jewish Women, and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Here are the stories of two of the disabled who are participating in the conference.

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Mel Horowich

Mel Chelsky

Captain Hook, the amputee pirate, Dr. Strangelove, the German scientist in his wheelchair, and Richard III, the hunchback English king, all had one thing in common — they were all cripples who were villains.

Today, the connection between the disabled and the diabolic still persists, says Mel Horwich, a rheumatoid arthritic who is confined to a wheelchair.

He also scores the correlation often made between a physical handicap and mental retardation. "Because of my appearance, my intelligence is often in question," he says.

Horwich was struck with rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 13. Two years later, he was confined to bed. School ended at Grade 9, but a determined Horwich embarked on home study and gradually obtained his Grade 13 subjects.

Although his Jewish education formally ended with the bar mitzvah (not through choice but largely because of institutional inaccessibility), Horwich became self-taught in Jewish history and archeology. On his book list are such scholars as Arthur Koestler and William Albright.

Things that fuel Horwich's enthusiasm include sing-a-longs (especially Yiddish), poetry, historical biographies, a fast game of poker and working with children. Somewhere in his dreams is the vision of teaching.

"Kids are great as far as I'm concerned," he said. "They don't beat around the bush. They are honest, direct. They look, they ask and then they go on to other matters. I relate well to them. I think I would be a good teacher."

The introspective Horwich says he has passed through the three most common reactions to being a cripple.

In the first instance, he tried to pass as "normal," denying the severely crippling effects of his own disease. "It was a deceptive and ultimately self-demoralizing state of mind," he says.

Second, directed by social workers, he joined clubs of the disabled. "But these clubs often made me unhappy because there was no common denominator other than our disabilities. I feel more comfortable with people who share my inclinations and interests." He cites his membership in the NDP as one of the more fruitful periods of his life.

During his third stage, Horwich finally came to terms with himself as a cripple. "I accept responsibility for making people comfortable. If they can't relax, that's their problem. I'm assertive rather than withdrawn when I go out."

Born to a chassidic mother from Poland and a secular Jewish father from England, Horwich learned Yiddishkeit and developed a spirituality that today sustains him in a life literally devoid of Jewish content.

A resident at Bellwoods, a centre for the disabled, primarily those suffering from cerebral palsy, Horwich has one other Jew with whom to share Shabbat and the Yom Tovim — plus occasional visits from members of the Leonard Mayzel Lodge of B'nai B'rith, which plug him into the Jewish community, he says.

Church groups come regularly once a month for bingo nights and another Christian volunteer women's group do sewing for the residents.

Although grateful to Bellwoods, Horwich longs for a Jewish environment. "My idea of being Jewish is to do things which are Jewish," he says.

Horwich wonders if a group home for the Jewish disabled or a scheme involving apartments with support services [which already exists for seniors] could be set up in the Jewish corridor along Bathurst Street.

"I would like to be much closer to Jewish communal life with its restaurants, stores, synagogues and organizations," he says. At the conference, Horwich will ask the Jewish community if such a goal is within reach of the Jewish physically disabled.

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A former accountant who went blind at the age of 36, Mel Chelsky today counts his blessings.

Chelsky, 42, is president of the Hebrew Club for the Blind and one of the participants at the conference for Jewish disabled.

Married for 20 years with three children, Chelsky now leads an active life as a volunteer and, except for driving a car, functions at a level of independence that surprises most sighted people.

A regular user of public transportation during the day, Chelsky attends movies, hockey and baseball games and even bowls. Even though he can't see the bowling pins, he lines up his throw with the dots. Chelsky's average is 145.

Chelsky can still see colors and is able to read the body type of the Toronto Sun or Toronto Star while using glasses with high-powered magnification in the left lens. He has 10% vision in his left eye and is totally blind in the right.

He points out that only about 7% of "blind" people are totally blind. The rest have severely limited vision ranging from zero to 10%. Anything over 10% is not considered legally blind.

Since infancy, Chelsky has always had eye problems. Born as a blue baby, he developed cataracts early in infancy and underwent several operations which retained only 10% vision in his left eye, but 70% in his right.

Six years ago, Chelsky's luck turned sour. He developed a detached retina in his "good" right eye and lost total vision after the operation. Theoretically, the operation was a success, but tragically, the accumulated scar tissue from Chelsky's earlier operations as a child prevented proper healing. The eye atrophied as a result.

At first overcome with despair, a period that dragged for about three years, Chelsky gradually recovered confidence and motivation following the loss of 50 pounds gained after the loss of his sight.

Although no longer involved in the profession of accounting (he lives on disability insurance), Chelsky has become a full-time volunteer and, curiously, his life is happier than it has ever been, he says.

Now the head trustee of Leonard Mayzel Lodge of B'nai B'rith, he is involved in all its service programs from art auctions to car rallies. He is also a regular public speaker for a diet workshop for compulsive eaters, the majority of whom are Jewish.

And, at the Hebrew Club for the Blind, Chelsky is preparing outreach programs for Jews who are blind and doing his own research on that community.

The Hebrew Club for the Blind has a membership of about 50 people, aged 23 to 80. Most are older rather than younger. Chelsky's goal is to put the club on the map of the Toronto Jewish community.

"I have seen how productively I can fill my time. My hope is to convince others in the sighted Jewish community that the blind have a positive role to play," he says.

Canadians would support quotas

OTTAWA —

More than two-thirds of Canadians would support quotas to ensure that minorities get their fair share of public service jobs, according to a poll done for the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

Twenty-two per cent strongly support quotas and another 47% support them somewhat, a total of 69%.

Only 12% are strongly opposed, while 12% are somewhat opposed.

Quotas appear to be broadly acceptable right across the country and in all socio-economic strata. Breaking down responses along lines like age and income, support does not sink below the halfway mark in any of the categories checked.

But there is a significant difference based on sex: Support for quotas is 73% among women compared with 64% among men.

The survey found that Canadians think it is more effective to promote public awareness of human rights and their implications than to ban specific acts of discrimination, 65% to 22. Nine per cent cited both approaches. Nevertheless, there is overwhelming support for inclusion of a Charter of Human Rights in the constitution — 72%.

Regionally, support for a charter is highest in the Atlantic provinces (80%) and lowest in the West (62%). In both Ontario and Quebec it stands at 76%.

Ninety-two per cent believe that the physically and mentally handicapped should be protected from discrimination under such a charter.

Protection for people over 65 years of age is backed by 89%, for women by 77%, for racial minorities by 69%, for ethnic minorities by 64%, for language minorities by 61%, for religious minorities by 58%, for those with a history of alcoholism or drug abuse by 54% and for those with criminal records by 53%.

But protection against discrimination for homosexuals finds favor with only 32%, while 60% are opposed. Seven per cent had no opinion and 1% did not answer the question.

The survey was done in June by CROP, a Montreal polling house. Interviews were carried out with 1,960 adults in all 10 provinces.

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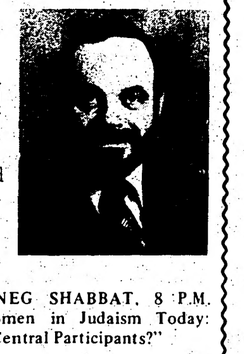

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Joan Gitelman, Judy Scheininger and Cathy Tile discuss plans for UJA Women's Division seminar, "Living Literature."

UJA Women hold 3 lectures on family

TORONTO —

The Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, always on the lookout for new ways to attract the uninitiated to its ranks, has come up with an idea that should provide an interesting and stimulating three sessions, beginning Nov. 26.

It is sponsoring a series of three lectures on The Family, as part of the Living Literature Seminars, conducted by Cathy Tile and Joan Gitelman. All three will be held in meeting rooms A and B at Baycrest Terrace.

Judy Scheininger, seminar chairman, said Mrs. Tile and Mrs. Gitelman who run the seminars on a professional basis, have offered the mini series to UJA at no charge.

"All we ask of anyone who would like to attend," said Mrs. Scheininger, "is a $36 increase in her UJA pledge."

Following is the time schedule and topics:

Thursday, Nov. 26, 9.30 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. — How the family has changed; How the family has remained the same.

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Diane Dupuy honored at BB Women breakfast

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Women of Toronto recently honored Famous People Players founder and artistic director Diane Dupuy at the 25th annual covenant breakfast at Beth Torah Congregation.

The FPP is a theatre group that uses puppet forms of singers and animals under ultra-violet lights. Ten of its 13 puppeteers are mentally retarded.

Heather Biderman, woman-of-the-year chairman, explained that, this year, BB wanted to pay tribute to those who work with the handicapped.

She said Dupuy is "a unique woman, warm, talented, devoted and dedicated to making the world a better place to be." She added that Dupuy "borrows her teaching techniques from Simon Legree."

Dupuy, who appeared to be deeply moved by the tribute, said the members of the FPP must first remember they are professionals, second that they are ambassadors and third, representatives of the handicapped.

"The shows must be professional because when we make a mistake, people will say that it is because of the handicapped," said Dupuy.

In an interview with The CJN, Dupuy said the FPP has "to work together as a group on its merits. Its members concentrate on performing as artists."

She added that the players are not treated differently from anyone else.

"The beauty of the integration of the handicapped and non-handicapped has always gone unnoticed," said Dupuy, "but we work together in the company."

The cast of the FPP was in the audience, each one dressed in black pants and matching sweater with the crest of the company outlined in white.

Besides speaking about the accomplishments of the members of the cast, Dupuy also paid tribute to her mother, Mary Thornton, who created the puppets. There was a display set up in the hall of some of the brightly colored characters used in performances.

During the breakfast, Ida Lavine was also honored for giving 267 hours in the past year to various BB services.

Greetings were expressed by Gerrie Horowitz, president of BB Women of Canada; Esther Shiner, controller and deputy mayor of North York; Morley Wolfe, president-elect, BB of Canada; Charles Goldlust, president of Toronto BB Men's Regional Council; and Jackie Bean, president of BB Women's Council of Toronto. Covenant breakfast chairman was Sylvia Fine. Mollye Nisker presented an award to Lavine.

"Disquieting" rift developing between Israelis and Diaspora

By ARNOLD AGES

TORONTO —

Prof. Haim Shaked, former head of the Shiloah Institute (Arab Affairs Study Centre) at Tel Aviv University, told a Beth Tzedec audience at the first annual Florence and Harry Topper lecture that Israel is at a crisis stage in its development.

The elections which returned the Likud party to power after a campaign marked by great vehemence from both sides has, according to Shaked, placed in sharp relief problems which threaten the equilibrium of the Jewish state.

Referring to the widely reported Ashkenazi-Sephardi rift, Shaked discounted the conventional wisdom on the subject suggesting that its perception as an intra-community feud was based on a misinformed media interpretation.

The real danger in Israel, he claimed, is the emergence in Israeli society of a sabra subculture which displays an incivility "unprecedented in the history of the Jewish state."

In the early years of Israel, Shaked conceded, Sephardi immigrants were "victimized" by proponents of Ashkenazi hegemony that saw Israel as a European society. In recent years, however, the problem has not been of the same magnitude.

For Shaked the real crisis revolves around the shape of the Jewish state in the making. The polarization now occurring between Israel and the Diaspora is intensifying in such a way that Israel is in danger of becoming a subculture among the Jewish people worldwide, he said.

In pursuing the theme Shaked expressed disquiet over the rift that is developing between Israeli Jews in the affluent and tolerant Western nations. The Diaspora relative is not only more affluent than his Israeli counterpart, according to Shaked, he is also more educated, cosmopolitan and professionalized in his career choice. His contact with the Israeli is not always a congenial one.

Shaked, former dean of arts and humanities at Tel Aviv University, also had some deflating remarks to make about the quality of higher education in Israel. The "myth" of Israeli superiority in this regard, he felt, had to be dispelled. Whereas in the 50s Israel had some contenders with the great universities in the world, today Israeli universities do not even rank at the same level as second and third rung American universities, he maintained.

The reason? The cost of scientific research has outrun Israeli capabilities. Hardware and research facilities have placed a strain even on some of the better American schools; Israel cannot compete in this area. The entire budget for the science faculty at Tel Aviv University is little more than the average research grant received by an enterprising professor at a top American university.

Shaked was also critical of the image that has been projected by the fund raising establishment which has translated the Israeli ethos into one equation — that of survivability. The security of Israel is paramount, acknowledged Shaked, but he argued that it is a means to an end, not an end in itself.

Loyalty to Israel must not be based on a tenuous identification with the survivor motif but on a reenergized vision of Zionism that will project a new challenge to Diaspora Jewry, said Shaked.

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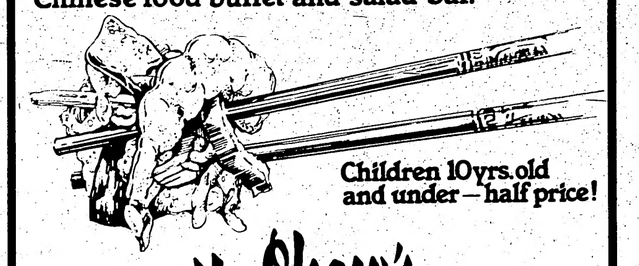
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David Blank, 1982 UJA Synagogue Division chairman, makes a note as Allan Offman delivers address.

Plans to cover congregations in Toronto

TORONTO —

David Blank, 1982 United Jewish Appeal Synagogue Division chairman, says he's determined to pick up just where he left off last year when he co-chaired the division with Nat Hurwich, in getting the most complete coverage possible in congregations throughout Metro Toronto . . . "with maximum increases of course," he's quick to add.

At 38, he joins the growing ranks of younger chairmen who are becoming more involved in the campaign leadership. Blank is Toronto Resident Partner in the brokerage firm of Maison Placements Canada Inc., and is the father of three children, two of whom attend Hebrew day school. The youngest is a pre-schooler.

He is also determined to get a much earlier start this year, to keep pace with other campaign divisions which have been activated for a number of weeks.

An opening meeting was arranged for synagogue presidents, rabbis and board members, at Beth Tzedec, a month earlier than in the previous campaign. Campaign chairman Allan Offman was the principal speaker and he outlined in detail the needs to be met in the coming year.

At the meeting, which was held in the Beth Tzedec board room, were the host rabbi, Benjamin Friedberg and synagogue president, Paul Rothstein, along with 40 representatives from Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations.

Blank said cards have already been distributed in most major synagogues and he is excited about "all the new faces I see this year. I really feel optimistic about the outcome of the 1982 Synagogue campaign, with all the good people I have working with me."

Two of the "new faces" he mentioned were Shaarei Shomayim UJA chairman, Paul Bloom, and Marshall Folk of Beth Sholom. A number of chairmen are still to be selected.

"What I find so encouraging this year is that chairmen are covering zero cards personally and getting surprisingly good results," he remarked.

Delay making major transactions until budget proposals are assessed

This is the first of a series of commentaries on the new federal budget, brought down on Nov. 13. The series is by KEITH ROSEN, head of taxation services, at Stern, Cohen, Weinstein, Banes & Masching, a Toronto firm of chartered accountants.

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The budget contains an enormous number of technical changes.

Some of these changes should prompt a review of arrangements which you may have made in the past to minimize your tax burden. Others may suggest changes in timing and/or the structure of transactions which are under consideration.

But don't rush into anything! It's true that some of the budget proposals took effect on Nov. 13, 1981, but past experience has shown that often important details in budget tax proposals can change when they actually become law.

As a general rule, you are more likely to benefit from a delay in any major transactions at least until you have had a chance to assess the impact of the budget proposals. Of course, sometimes business considerations will simply not permit any delay. In such cases you should still have a word with your advisors if it is at all possible.

What are the major tax changes?

Since the detail of the budget proposals can change between budget night and the time they become law (and, in some cases, proposals might even be dropped altogether), at this stage it is more important to understand the overall effect which the government appears to desire. Consequently this series focuses on the **major** changes and their **general** effect rather than on the detailed ways in which the changes will be implemented.

PERSONAL INCOME TAXES

As mentioned earlier, the adjustments in the personal tax burdens will affect lower income people only marginally. The major change is that for 1982 the top marginal rate of tax in Ontario will fall from about 63% to 50%. This top rate will apply to taxable income in excess of $53,376.

One effect of this change, when combined with a slight increase in the **relative** rates of personal tax applicable to dividends from Canadian companies, is to make a top bracket taxpayer relatively indifferent when choosing cash dividends and special stock dividends on his portfolio investments. Before 1982, the stock dividends offer more tax planning advantages. After 1981, the effective tax rate for both kinds of dividend is approximately 25% for people in the highest tax bracket. People with lower incomes may still prefer cash dividends.

Averaging of income for tax purposes is changed dramatically. Income averaging annuity contracts ("IAACs") can no longer be used to delay recognition of income beyond 1982 (it seems that IAACs purchased before November 13, 1981 may not be affected).

Additionally, general averaging is abolished and reserves for delayed receipt of proceeds may not be claimed against profits from sales after Nov. 12, 1981.

To compensate for these changes, "forward averaging" will be permitted, and, in some hardship cases, taxes may be paid over three years **with interest**. The interest on the unpaid tax will be computed at 19% for the first quarter of 1982 and will not be a deductible expense. Also, if you are eligible to use the 3-year plan, you will have to provide Revenue Canada with "acceptable security."

Forward averaging will only be of use to those whose income has significantly increased and who anticipate a subsequent drop in income. Unlike general averaging, it will not provide relief when income suddenly increases and remains at the higher level. Additionally, you will have to pay tax "up front" at the highest rate on the income you choose to average. So it seems that you won't feel any cash benefit until after the year when your income drops when you ultimately file your return for the lower income year and claim a refund.

For gains in value of residences accruing after 1981, a married couple will only be permitted to designate **one** principal residence.

Claims for wholly dependent people who live outside Canada will only be permitted after 1981 if the non-resident dependent is a spouse or child of the taxpayer.

• **Next week we look at employment income and property and business income.**

Public session on Ethiopian Jews

By WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL —

Ethiopian Jews want to be saved and the world Jewish community has "no right" to leave them there, because they face extinction, says Dr. Graenum Berger, founder of the American Association for Ethiopian Jewry.

"The time is ripe, it has to be done with great urgency, and it can't be postponed," Berger said.

In Montreal last week, Berger spoke to about 100 people, mostly students, at McGill University. Organized by the Hillel Student Society, the meeting was designed as a public information session.

The evening started on a sombre note as Berger presented a series of slides from his latest visits to Ethiopia. The pictures indicated a struggling and technologically backward community of 10,000.

In a country where the average life span is 36 years and half the population is under 18, Berger pointed out that Ethiopian Jews or "Falashas," as they are commonly called are struggling to maintain their Jewish identity and desperate to make aliya.

He urged his audience to support this cause by putting pressure on "those who can carry out this action.

"You must monitor what the Jewish organizations do," he said, "and put pressure on the leaders who can exert the influence that counts."

While Berger's slides and remarks drew a sympathetic response, the question period that followed saw a number of pointed criticisms directed at the Canadian Jewish Congress, represented at the meeting by Executive Vice-President Alan Rose.

Questions were raised about the secrecy surrounding the issue and the possibility of racist tendencies in Israel as a reason for lack of help for these Black Jews.

Rose, however, was quick to discount this theory. Emphasizing he was not a spokesman for Israel's government, but admitting the Falashas have become a "political football," he refused to "dub Israel as a racist state."

He reaffirmed CJC's commitment to saving Ethiopian Jews, saying the issue has "seized" the attention of Congress leaders.

But, he added, a low key approach is the best way of accomplishing this because, unlike the situation of Soviet Jews, publicity for Falashas brings negative consequences.

"We must make a dichotomy between explaining their plight and saving them," he said.

Diabetes chapter holding raffle for Rolls Royce

TORONTO —

The Toronto chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is holding an Ontario-wide raffle for a new Rolls Royce, or $100,000 cash, in a draw on Global TV, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m.

Raffle proceeds will be allocated to medical research in diabetes.

Raffle tickets cost $100; $45 goes toward the draw and the remaining $55 is a tax deductible donation to the Jewish Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Besides the Rolls Royce, or $100,000 cash, other prizes include three JVC video machines, and 36 stereo packages. With all prizes considered and only 4,000 tickets available, purchasers are said to have one in a 100 chance of winning something.

Approximately 3,200 tickets have been bought so far, reported Sorel Park, the raffle co-ordinator. One purchaser, North York mayor Mel Lastman, said that if he wins he'll give the Rolls Royce prize car to Prince Charles and Lady Diana on behalf of the people of North York.

Tickets can be bought at the Foundation's office in Toronto, at 74 Sheppard Ave. W., or at any of the Canada Permanent savings branches in Ontario.

Last year this raffle, the fourth annual project of the Toronto JDRF chapter, raised over $185,000.

The JDRF is a non-profit volunteer organization which was founded in Montreal seven years ago, to aid researchers seeking a cure for this disease. Canada has approximately a million people affected by diabetes.

Parlow correction

Dr. Jack Parlow, a marital therapist, is not associated with the Clarke Institute as was indicated in a Nov. 5 story in The CJN. Story in question was about a meeting of the Couples Over 40 group at the north-east branch of the Jewish Community Centre where Parlow was the speaker.

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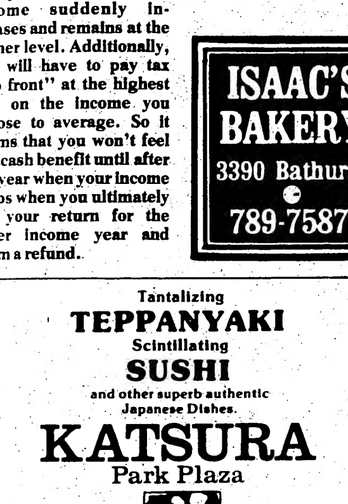

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National Budgeting Conference meets

Decides who gets what among national organizations

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —
It was budget time for the Canadian Jewish community last weekend.

The National Budgeting Conference (NBC) held its annual budgeting plenary here and decided who gets what among about 10 key national organizations.

Among the national organizations whose operations were up for scrutiny were the Canadian Jewish Congress, Canada-Israel Committee, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and Network.

Among the international organizations allocated funds by NBC are the Joint Distribution Committee and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Both are concerned with the immigration and absorption of Jews around the world.

New NBC chairman is Donald Carr who takes over from Hillel Becker, Montreal. Irving Halperin of Montreal and Al Omson of Winnipeg were elected as NBC vice-chairmen.

Other NBC officers include four chairmen of sub-committees. They are: Marvin Corber, Montreal, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) sub-committee; Lyone Heppner, Montreal, chairman, Network sub-committee; Morrie Latchman, Toronto, immigration sub-committee; Rose Wolfe, Toronto, Canada-Israel Committee sub-committee.

Approximately 37 delegates plus professionals from Jewish communities and organizations across Canada, from Vancouver to Sydney, listened for two days straight to the final budget reports of the NBC sub-committees.

NBC sub-committees probe not only fiscal strengths — or weaknesses — but also take a long, hard look at staff, structure and programs of recipient organizations.

It is on the basis of the sub-committee reports that the NBC plenary usually makes its decisions.

"NBC tries to reflect community planning and priorities," Abugov states. "It is one of the national forums which brings together communities and national organizations for the purpose of not only looking at budgets, but also programs serving the communities."

It is a system which operates on consensus, he says, but concedes the atmosphere gets a little "testy" when national organizations challenge the allocations or recommendations of the sub-committees or plenary.

In the view of Abugov, a one-time professor of social work at the University of Toronto, national organizations fare much better since NBC appeared on the scene in 1974.

Before NBC, national organizations such as CJC and JIAS used to solicit funds independently, going from one Jewish community to another. The process was ad hoc, inconsistent, repetitive and costly, he says.

Today, because of centralization, national organizations know there will be a continuity of funding and both communities and national organizations have a chance to dialogue over national communal needs.

NBC is a process, not an organization," stresses Abugov. He emphasizes also that NBC has no money of its own, but acts only to make recommendations on allocations on money raised by the communities.

In its advisory capacity, NBC suggests to Jewish communities in about 10 key cities just what percentage they should pay towards the funding of national organizations. The percentage is determined by a formula based on the size of the population and the amount of money raised by the local central appeal.

The formula apportions a rate of 36.6% and 36.8% to Montreal and Toronto respectively while smaller communities pay proportionately less. Winnipeg, for example, is assessed at 6.65%. Windsor pays 1.1% and London, .8%.

Abugov points out that NBC does not have real authority to exact its tithes from any community. Theoretically, if a community wants to decide unilaterally how to spend its money, it can. The NBC can only advise.

The fact that each of the Jewish communities accepts the NBC formula is sufficient proof that NBC is a system "which works remarkably well despite its imperfections and inherent tensions," he says.

"Naturally, all organizations want as much as they can get for their programs. We strive for equity and balance."

Abugov is satisfied that most organizations are run efficiently. NBC asks for accountability and its scrutiny tends to inhibit financial irresponsibility, he says.

Sometimes, NBC has to be tough, says Abugov. Funding cutbacks are recommended when doubts arise over a program's viability, when fiscal constraints are severe and when programs lose status in the community as newer priorities emerge.

For example, the influx of Soviet Jews during the 70s caused the JIAS budget to rise dramatically, he recalls. As a result of the greater funding for JIAS, others got less.

Sometimes the NBC has to be hardheaded, says Abugov, but it tries not to be hardhearted.

For Abugov himself, the hurly-burly of NBC budget plenaries is a long way from the tranquil groves of academe. "But no regrets," says Abugov, "I love the action."

UJA drive tops halfway point, says 1982 campaign chairman

TORONTO —
The 1982 United Jewish Appeal campaign chairman, Allan Offman, announced last week that the current Toronto UJA fund raising drive has topped its half-way point.

Offman made the announcement at a campaign cabinet breakfast at Baycrest Centre.

Among other data offered by the chairman: intense canvassing efforts throughout the community have placed the 1982 effort $3,000,000 ahead of last year's campaign, on a same-time basis; and completed pledge cards are outpacing 1981 by a 2-to-1 ratio, again on a same-time matchup.

Also encouraging: increased gifts — a crucial element in these inflationary times — are maintaining a steady 12% improvement on a campaign-to-campaign basis.

Offman viewed events so far with "mixed emotions." Obviously pleased with the campaign's strong response, he credited this to the combination of an early start, plus success by canvassers in carrying to Toronto Jewry the message that ". . . UJA is truly a campaign of the people, for the people."

Nevertheless, he reminded his associates that there remain sizeable numbers in Toronto "who continue to avoid their community responsibilities — or who simply consider UJA to be one more campaign among many."

This, he countered, could not be farther from the truth. He noted, in fact, that "without United Jewish Appeal, other causes would be — and would continue to be — without their launching platform."

Charles Diamond, Major Gifts chairman, said his division was showing its strongest-ever campaign, with half of all pledge cards now canvassed.

Max Handelman, speaking for Business and Professions, said that on a same-time basis, division canvassers processed 1,200 more cards this year than last.

Gay Berger, Women's Division chairman, noted that a series of events was responsible for the division having raised $500,000 so far in the campaign.

The Young Adults Division, represented by Roz Krakowsky and Ernie Roll, garnered loud applause in announcing nearly doubled pledges for 1982, as well as a 50% increase in the number of YA canvassers.

Accountants Division chairman Barry Tissenbaum provided the morning's stunner, divulging that his hard-working canvassers are $200,000 ahead of last year's comparative totals.

Campaign director David Marks rounded out the morning, reporting that the season's first Buddy-Up Day canvassing marathon, held Nov. 10, produced the largest single-day event return in UJA annals — a whopping one million dollars.

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Chaim Herzog says United States favors Camp David Accords

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He disclosed that his Knesset group was received "very well" by senior White House and state department officials. "There was a great degree of concern aroused by our concerns," he remarked.

"We felt our visit was worthwhile and important," he added.

In recent weeks, the Reagan administration has alarmed Israel by suggesting that Crown Prince Fahd's formula contained "positive" and "hopeful" elements.

The plan calls for a complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied areas, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, and "affirms the right of all countries in the region to live in peace." It has been praised by the European Economic Community, Japan, a number of conservative Arab states and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Israel has rejected it.

The first Israeli military governor of the West Bank, and now a reserve major-general, Herzog was in Toronto to address a Universal Speakers luncheon. A private organization, Universal brings noted personalities to the city.

Herzog was invited to Toronto long before the current controversy over Saudi Arabia's plan erupted.

In his speech, Herzog described Fahd's plan as a cynical and "conscious effort" by certain Arab and West European nations to derail the Camp David process, which he termed "a winner."

Addressing about 1,000 business executives from a broad range of industries, Herzog said the plan bore no relation to peace, and "totally ignored" mention of Israel.

Decrying it as a concoction of Saudi-PLO diplomacy, Herzog said it was a devious document because Saudi Arabia was presenting it in various ways, depending upon the locale.

In Western capitals, the Saudis portray it as a peace offering to Israel. In the Arab world, they play down this aspect, he said.

The plan, he warned, was conceived to persuade the U.S. to enter into talks with the PLO. Under a 1975 agreement with Israel, Washington won't negotiate with the PLO unless it recognizes Israel and accepts UN resolutions 242 and 338.

Herzog, whose comments elicited only polite applause, said Saudi Arabia was potentially an unstable country, and he argued vigorously against the widely-held thesis that it is a moderate one.

He voiced concern over the increasing inflow of highly sophisticated U.S. and Soviet weaponry into the Arab arsenal. Israel, he observed, was losing its qualitative edge over its Arab opponents.

Sarcastically, Herzog said the Saudis would pay $8.5 billion worth of U.S. arms bought recently by raising oil prices and lowering production.

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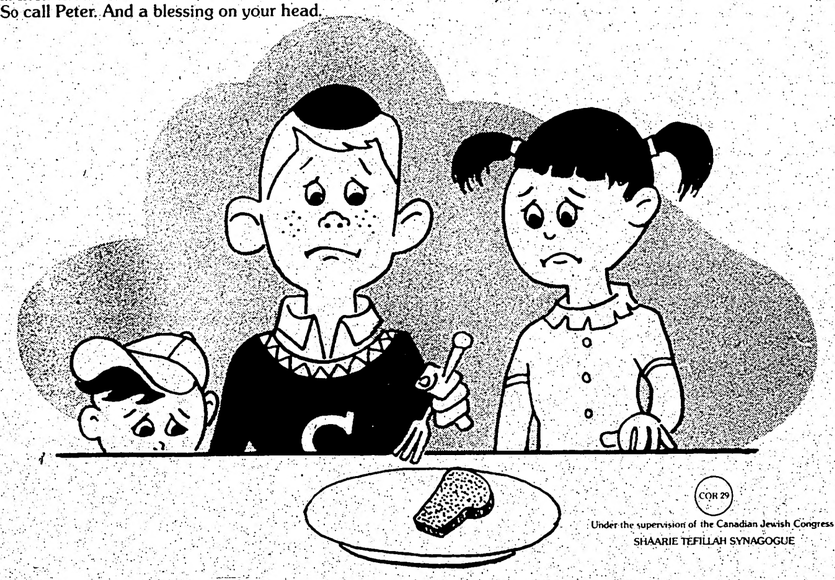

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Fine, relaxing, sun-soaked beaches attract many to Malta

By JAMES MONTAGNES

VALLETTA, Malta — This small rocky island off the toe of Italy in the Mediterranean Sea was awarded the George Cross by Great Britain during World War II. The island withstood endless bombardment from German airplanes because Malta was a British naval base.

Malta is now an independent republic but the George Cross is part of its white and red flag.

Malta, this travel reporter learned on a trip here, attracts a growing number of tourists, larger than the entire population of the two main islands, Malta and Gozo. There are three small unoccupied islands in the archipelago which makes up the Republic of Malta, a total area of 122 square miles (half the area of Metropolitan Toronto).

Most of the tourists come from Great Britain, with the balance from nearby Italy, from Germany and Scandinavian countries. Canadians are a practically unknown quantity in Malta, except for those who work in nearby Mideast countries and come here for a holiday.

Malta and Gozo are well equipped to handle visitors, with some 90 hotels. The **accommodations** range **from the luxurious to the low-priced, and most hotels operate on the plan in which the daily price includes two or three meals.**

There is plenty to see and do on the islands, though most visitors come mainly for relaxation on the many fine beaches at the west end of Malta and to soak up the sun. Temperatures range from 10 Celsius (50 Fahrenheit) to 33 C (93 F) in high summer.

There is deepsea fishing and sailing for the sports-minded, tennis at some hotels, a golf course, Sunday horse races during the winter, polo, football every weekend. Almost every major hotel has either a salt water or fresh water pool, while swimming in the clear waters of the sea is popular from the sandy beaches and the rocky shores which are found on most of the islands.

Visitors are most likely to find special interest in the sightseeing on both Malta and Gozo. You can start with prehistoric man and see history right to the present. Most of the neolithic age temples, above and below ground, have been discovered only this century, while caves where prehistoric animal bones were found were used as oil storage depots during World War II.

The major historic sights are those which go back to Arab occupations and the rule of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem who came to Malta after they were forced out of Rhodes by the Turks some 500 years ago. The knights from many European countries built vast fortifications on Malta, some of which are still intact today. Most of the palaces built by the religious orders are now government office buildings.

You can tour the vast fortifications of Valletta, the main city and the location of the big harbor where the British navy had its Mediterranean base. The dockyards are still in use, operated for commercial purposes today by a government company.

The Grand Masters Palace with a statue of Queen Victoria on the plaza, has a museum of 16th century armor and military equipment. Adjoining is the national library, a storehouse for scholars, with ladders to climb to bookshelves close to the ceiling.

There are art galleries and churches galore. Almost every block in hilly Valletta has a church, convent or monastery. There are many ornate churches on Malta and Gozo richly ornamented with inlaid marble floors under which are buried the religious knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. There are a number of domed churches which claim to be among the largest in the world.

There was a sizeable Sephardic Jewish community on Malta before 1492 when they were expelled during the Spanish Inquisition. There are few Jews on the island now, though there is still a synagogue at 9 Spur St. in Valletta, and Israel maintains an embassy and consular facilities. Before 1492 all doctors and apothecaries on Malta were Jewish.

The Maltese of today like to dance and have festivities, some of which are tied to folklore, others to the church. You may be fortunate like I was, to attend the 3-day spring carnival at Valletta, when practically the entire population either takes part or lines the parade route of the many floats and dance groups.

Shopping in Malta is for handicrafts such as silver filigree work, pottery, leather goods, hand-woven textiles and laces.

Malta has its own white, red and rose wines, served everywhere unless imported wines are requested. Meals are excellent, each one prepared for you — so allow plenty of time for dining out.

You can reach Malta from London and most major European cities. From England, Germany and Scandinavian countries there are many package tours to the island. Cruise boats frequently call at Malta.

Malta's holiday beaches are popular with Britons, Scandinavians and Germans.

More Canadians visiting Israel— many coming for the sun, not history

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Israeli tourism is undergoing somewhat of a revolution.

- More Canadians than ever are going to Israel, but the percentage of Jewish travelers is dropping.
- A U.S. survey, still under evaluation, suggests that 38% of all U.S. Jews — not the oft-quoted 12% — have gone to Israel.
- On the basis of the same survey, Israel will be promoted as a Mediterranean sun and fun destination and not solely as a religious and historical site.

"Between January and June, air traffic to Israel rose by 8% over last year," said Jonathan Harpaz, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto. "This is more significant than appears," he told The Canadian Jewish News, "because most other overseas destinations showed a decline."

Harpaz said tour operators in Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary have recently launched Israel tours for British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Bay Travel has just completed arrangements destination for its affiliated agencies. "That means that 60 additional offices across Canada will be promoting travel to Israel, starting in January," said Harpaz.

"Our veteran tour operators are already showing an increase for 1982. One is fully booked for the next nine months," he said.

Preliminary figures indicate that the bulk of traffic rise is occurring in the non-Jewish section of the population, said Harpaz. "Jewish travel is at about 60% of the total, down for the first time from its traditional 70%.

Jonathan Harpaz

Harpaz said that church groups show a high increase in travel to Israel. Various Protestant and Catholic groups are going. "One agency, Palm Air Travel, of Toronto, has just started tours to Israel for various church organizations. Our office is currently in preliminary discussions with other such agencies," he said.

He attributed the increased Canadian interest in Israel to the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt. "The tension is eased. People are more confident about traveling there."

Gil Kaynan, deputy IGTO director, said the combined attraction of Israel and Egypt is a related draw. "As of November, the number of flights between Tel Aviv and Cairo was raised to eight per week, from five. All are fully booked in advance," said Kaynan.

The assassination of Sadat had a minimal effect. "Only one family cancelled," said Harpaz.

In the U.S., a survey based on a sample of 3,746 people indicates that about 38% of all Jews there have visited Israel. This is more than three times the traditionally quoted figure. "We always talked 12%, ever since Israel was created. We never questioned that percentage. But, it seems, more U.S. Jews have been coming than we thought."

Whether the percentage of Jews from Canada is as high would have to be determined by a separate survey, he said. "In this case, we just can't transfer data."

Another significant finding of the U.S. survey, whose evaluation is not yet complete, is that Israel attracts visitors as much for its recreation as for its history and religion. "Israel's sunshine, beaches and sea lure people, particularly in the winter, as much as its historical sites," said Harpaz.

"We are going to advertise Israel now as a pure vacation spot, competitive with other Mediterranean sun and fun destinations. Its religious and historical sites will be featured as an extra dimension, one making Israel unique," he said.

A similar stress will be introduced in advertising aimed at the Jewish community. "We hope to draw people who would normally go to Miami or the West Indies in the winter. The historical and religious sites will be promoted as optional side trips, and not as full-day tours occupying the bulk of their stay."

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Brazil has the best carnival in South America, plus dozens of other attractions for vacationers

Costumes like this add to the excitement of Rio's carnival.

By JAMES MONTAGNES

RIO DE JANEIRO — It is mid-summer here in February when this one-time capital of Brazil has its infectious, exhilarating, exciting and dance-inspiring carnival.

It is time when the Cariocas, as the people of Rio de Janerio call themselves, parade the streets in flamboyant costumes to samba dance tunes.

For a couple of weeks before Feb. 24, Ash Wednesday for 1982, main streets and the famous beach at Copacabana will be lined with spectator stands for the tens of thousands who come out to see the all-night parades.

The temperatures are likely to be 35 Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) even after dark, but that won't keep the paraders from dancing the entire route or the spectators from sitting through the spectacle. The paraders have been going to samba schools for weeks prior to the carnival and have been preparing their colorful feathered costumes for months. The competition for the best costumes and the most exciting dance routines means much to each samba club and local community group in the Rio area.

The annual carnival at Rio is just about the biggest spectacle in South America. There are other carnivals in other cities of the continent, but the Rio event is the one to attend if you can't take in any other during your winter vacation.

Rio's beaches are crowded all day most of the year, but the crowds are biggest during the Canadian winter months, when Brazilians enjoy their summer. The beaches stretch along the length of the urban area as Rio expands along the Atlantic Ocean shore.

Back of the shore are ranges of wooded mountains where the population has gradually built highways and homes. But it is along the beaches like Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon, Gavea, Botafogo, Leme and many more that the action starts early in the morning.

At that early hour the housewives or their maids come down to the beaches to meet the fishermen who come to shore with their fresh-caught fish and have no trouble selling all of it. Then come the teenagers with their soccer balls and if there is a breeze blowing youngsters and even adults with huge kites. Later, as the sun comes higher, come the oiled sunbathers, the surfers and swimmers. The action continues till dark.

Besides the beaches there is much of interest to the visitor, not least of which is the shopping for precious stones, jewelry and all types of handicrafts. You can't sit very long at a sidewalk coffee stand on any beach till the peddlers of bargain emeralds come along. They are proficient in halting English to show you how real are their bargain precious stones. In most cases the stones look beautiful even if only colored glass.

But if you are looking for the real thing, there is a proliferation of gem stores along the beaches, at the main hotels, and along the main streets a few blocks from the beaches. Some are easy to enter — at others you'll have to ring the bell and be surveyed before being allowed to enter. There you'll know you'll be shown the real precious stones — at the real prices.

While most vacationers will spend their Rio time on or near the beaches, bus transportation and taxis are reasonable in price, and roads are good. From Copacabana Beach area, your route into the centre of the city will be via tunnels under the first range of wooded hills. There is the usual big city commercial area the other side of those hills, with department stores, banks, museums, libraries and a wide range of stores of all kinds.

For a time in the last century Brazil had an emperor and the National Museum is now housed in the former Imperial Palace. You should pay a visit to the famous Botanical Gardens with rows of tall royal palm trees and the Tijuca Forest.

Rio's soccer stadium is one of the largest anywhere and there is a very active Jockey Club for horse races.

But no matter how short your time there are two trips no one should miss. One is the Corcovado Peak, almost 2,200 feet [709 metres] high with a magnificent view of the city, its bays and beaches. It can be reached by funicular, car or on foot.

The other is the cable car ride to the top of Sugar Loaf Peak, done in two stages. The top is over 1,200 feet above sea level (394 metres), has restaurant and panoramic view of the city and the Corcovado Peak. When this travel reporter visited here for the first time some years ago, I though that was the best 35 cent investment I had ever made, even though on the second stage there was a thousand foot drop beneath the cable car, should the cable break! It hasn't broken yet.

Take time to visit Petropolis, the mountain retreat where Brazil's emperor Don Pedro built a summer palace to escape the humidity and heat of Rio de Janeiro. The palace is open to visitors today — the city is reached by a serpentine mountain road, has many parks, and statues. For aviation buffs here also is the home of Brazil's first airman, Santos Dumont, open to visitors.

Rio de Janeiro has many synagogues and religious organizations, cultural clubs, Jewish schools, Jewish hospitals, newspapers and kosher restaurants. On a recent visit during the High Holidays I attended services in both Sephardic and Ashkenazi synagogues.

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TEL AVIV — "Shuttle Tel Aviv" is the latest service provided by enterprising retailers to assist tourists with their shopping.

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This is part of an extensive promotion launched by Shlomo Lahat, the go-ahead mayor of Tel Aviv, to attract more visitors to this resort city in the winter period. The campaign is now in progress and runs through until the end of February and includes discounts in many hotels, restaurants and most places of entertainment.

Florida has plenty of good action along the Gulf of Mexico coast

TAMPA — You will find out when you arrive here on the daily non-stop air service from Toronto and Montreal that all the action is not on Florida's east coast.

All along this Gulf of Mexico west coast of the state there are numerous visitor attractions, state parks, fine restaurants, relaxing beaches and resort hotels. This is the area where many Canadians have bought condominium apartments, and where motels and small hotels line the highways for miles.

Tampa and its twin city of St. Petersburg can be the starting points from which to visit resort communities to the north and south.

St. Petersburg has 38 miles of palm-fringed shoreline, 21 miles of which are beaches. You can cast your baited fishing line from a number of spots along a huge pier stretching into the Gulf, and bring up grouper, trout, sea bass, mackerel or even tarpon.

In Tampa visit the 440-year old DeSoto oak tree in Plants Park and the Spanish quarter of Ybor City. Even if you are against smoking, you may want to visit one of the cigar factories for which the city is well known.

The big attraction at Tampa is Busch Gardens, a 300-acre complex with a resemblance of an African wild life park. Here you can see more than a hundred species of African big and small game animals in natural habitat from a steam train, a monorail or overhead sky ride.

North from St. Petersburg there are resort beaches for miles up the coast, of which Clearwater and Dunedin are perhaps best known. This is the area where you come to soak up the sun, do some deepsea fishing in chartered boats, play golf on a number of courses, and play tennis.

Continuing northward along major highways you reach Tarpon Springs, centre of the sponge fishing industry. Visit Spongeorama with its shows and exhibits of sponge fishing and see how Greek immigrants developed this business early this century. There is even a restoration of a Greek sponging community of the early 1900s where you can see how the sponge fisherman lived and caught their sponges.

Further up the coast is Crystal River Historic Memorial, one of the important and spectacular pre-Columbian Indian sites, with forest trails and Indian burial mounds.

The northern part of the state along the Gulf of Mexico is known as the Miracle Strip, best known for Panama City, Fort Walton and Pensacola. This is an area of fine beaches, good marinas and air force bases. At Pensacola is a major naval base where the famous Blue Angels aerobatic teams make their home. Nearby are ruins of Fort Pickens in a state park, an area which has seen military history for over a century.

Fishing for both salt and fresh water fish is at its best here for blue and white marlin and smaller fish from piers extending into the Gulf. This is an area of scuba diving and water skiing, surfing and greyhound racing.

Inland are the Florida Caverns near Marianna. You can walk through vast limestone caves among stalactites and stalagmites, or play golf above the caves in the state park. Not far away is Falling Waters State Park near Chipley, an unusual site in Florida, there are also caves in this park.

South from the Tampa-St. Petersburg area there is the 15-mile Sunshine Skyway toll bridge over Tampa Bay. You drive 155 feet [about 30 metres] above the water, with ocean-going steamers passing below. Resort communities and good beaches line the way to Bradenton and Sarasota.

In this area you can watch the spring training of a number of major league baseball clubs, attend greyhound and horse races, visit the famous Ringling circus museums and numerous commercial attractions emphasizing the sub-tropical nature of the area. As elsewhere on the Gulf coast there are plenty of beaches on this southern route, many golf courses, and ample opportunities for shore and deepsea fishing.

At Fort Meyers inventor Thomas A. Edison made his winter home in 1886 and did much of his work on the incandescent lamp. You can drive along the avenue of stately palm trees to his home, which is open to visitors. Nearby is a shrine and historic park to Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon who came here in 1513 to seek the fountain of youth.

In this area also you can tour a National Police Museum and a number of seashell displays, for here many varieties of seashells have been found. Here are wildlife refuges, and tours can be arranged through the islands of the region. The resort communities of Marco Island and Naples are not far south of Fort Myers. In nearby Collier-Seminole State Park you will still see some of these Indians who were among the last to hold off the white man's rule.

From this area boat trips can be taken among the coastal waters of Everglades National Park, 2,000 square miles of tropical and sub-tropical wilderness. In this region, you'll find not only exotic plants but also wild life from cougars to alligators to wood ibis. Seminole Indians live in the Everglades.

(Throughout the Gulf coast area there are synagogues in most cities and a few community centres.)

Beach scenes like this are typical of Florida's Gulf of Mexico coast.

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"Not a Love Story" explores raunchy world in Canada, U.S.A.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It is a $5 billion industry manipulated and or controlled by organized crime. It dehumanizes women and provides a false outlet for repressed men. It is the pornography trade.

"Not a Love Story" explores the raunchy netherworld of strip joints, peep shows and sex supermarkets in Canada and the U.S. from strictly a woman's point of view. Thus, Bonnie Sherr Klein's documentary makes no pretense at objectivity. This film is unabashedly anti-pornographic, though not hysterically so.

The variegated subjects in Not a Love Story — a bitterly ironic title if ever one was coined — are strippers, live sex show performers, authors, a psychologist, photographer and publisher of porn magazines.

Interviewed by Klein, the publisher claims that pornography is the result of the emasculation of men by women's liberation movement. "Market research" proves it, he says to a skeptical Klein. The photographer, who works for Hustler Magazine, is cynical about her job. At least she's honest.

The others are angry and resentful. One former star of porno movies, whose indefatigable reputation invariably preceded him at the set, quit the business because he realized he was degrading women. The inmate of a pathetic peep show, where men would fulfil their fantasies, says she feels so demeaned by the routine that her own private sex life is non-existent.

Particularly scathing in their denunciation of the industry are so-called liberated women who've studied it. "What's disturbing about pornography for me is that it's so unsexy," says writer Kate Millett. "It's all mixed up with old dreadful, patriarchal ideas that sex is essentially evil and that the evil in it is female."

Robin Morgan, who is described as a writer/poet, probably speaks for many of her sisters when she declares, almost tearfully, that pornography leaves an intelligent, sensitive woman in a state of constant rage.

Pornography, when combined with symbols of violence and bondage, gives birth to aggressive modes of behavior and perpetuates the myth of sexual inequality, we're told. All too often, pornography relies upon this combination for its effectiveness.

Although interviews form the heart of the film, Not a Love Story is also a voyage of personal discovery for the director — who is associated with the National Film Board — and her associate, a former Montreal stripper named Linda Lee Tracey.

Tracey, who left stripping this year, is an articulate spokesperson against pornography. Having been part of it, she is now a zealous convert who knows better than most how insidious a phenomenon it usually is.

To her credit, she is not self-righteous — merely sad. Klein is dispassionate and lets the material speak for itself.

And it speaks volumes. Not a Love Story shows how eroticism has been exploited and submerged by pornography, mainly for the benefit of nameless criminals who feed off our distorted sexual mores.

Not a Love Story, which contains hard core footage, is not yet available for viewing at commercial theatres. The National Film Board is showing it to selected audiences across Canada in the hope that it will stimulate discussion — discussion that is long overdue.

Film shows anarchist Jews

TORONTO —

An hour-long documentary on the Jewish anarchist movement in America will be presented Nov. 29, 7.30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

The Toronto showing is sponsored by the Emil Gartner Lodge of the United Jewish Peoples Order and the Marxist Institute. Tickets are $2.50 at the door.

This film, entitled "Free Voice of Labor — The Jewish Anarchists" portrays immigrant life in the United States as seen through the eyes of those workers who made up the mass of the Jewish anarchist movement. It portrays their contribution to the fledgling U.S. labor movement and the developing Yiddish culture through interviews with Jewish anarchists, and with stills, newsreel footage, portions of old films (including a rare clip from the Yiddish feature film, "Uncle Moses") and Yiddish songs and poems.

"The joy of the film lies in the people," Richard Shepard of The New York Times wrote. "They have aged gracefully, with their sentiments unchanged. They speak with humor of demonstrations, picket lines, and battles of long ago. They are grandmas and grandpas, as sunny and mellow as any others, but their courage, intelligence, and social concern shine in their faces."

The anarchist movement reached its greatest influence between 1880 and World War I.

B'nai B'rith musical review tells of 50 years of Jewish life

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

The Andrews Sisters in drag — now that's an idea to make Craig Russell green with envy.

Yes, it happened, as Sam Borevitch, Marty Kuven and Sid Wiseberg sang "Bei Mir Bist du Schoen" and the audience loved every second of it.

This act, which could have packed the Royal York Imperial Room for a month, is only one of many highlights of B'nai B'rith's musical compilation, "Full Swing," which is one of the best amateur musical shows that has been seen in Toronto. It played three nights at Earl Haig Collegiate early in November.

This compilation of 23 standard songs, based on producer Bill Grosberg's original script, is billed as a panorama of Jewish life spanning 50 years in North America (1920-1970).

On the whole, this musical history, from the time of immigration to North America to the present, is an accurate and moving encapsulation.

The beginnings on the Lower East Side and Kensington, through the socialist labor era, the war and the prosperous post-war era, are linked by the friendship of two typical Jewish girls who experience it all from immigration to showbiz to fickle love, to ultimate peace of mind.

The irony of the North American Jewish experience, however, should have been further underscored in the script by mention of North America's refusal to accept more than a trickle of Holocaust refugees and the growing hostility toward Jews and Israel manifested in today's media.

Aside from these omissions of key historical facts, this show is flawless when one considers that it is an amateur production. Truly outstanding performances were given by the sophisticated Candace Cohen and the vivacious, early yet stylish Renee Richer.

Cohen's performance of "Merry Go Round" blends elements of Piaf, Julie Andrews and her own distinctive elegance. And Richer, more than anybody else, has perfectly synthesized Yiddish-rooted vivacity with North American pizazz. Her rendition of "Shirley's Lament" reminds one of a Sophie Tucker with feminine charm to match.

Karen Freedman, playing Richer's lifelong friend, was an ideal haimishe counterpart. And 12-year-old Jordanna Lipson shows great promise as a singer.

Among those who benefitted from this production, and who were present at opening night, were the Toronto Freedom Lodge, the Bloorview Children's Hospital for Handicapped Children and five busloads of residents of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Congratulations are due not only to director Allen Price, musical director Harvey Silver and choreographer Lea Jago, but also to B'nai B'rith's Charles Goldlust, who made this thoroughly enjoyable endeavor possible.

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Few single orchestral pieces demand such a wide range of a conductor's skill as does Hector Berlioz' Symphonie Fantastique.

This landmark work is probably the first "modern" orchestral work, insofar that it was the first symphony to go beyond the rigid stylistic Haydn-chamber structure to which even Beethoven essentially adhered, toward the looser romantic-descriptive framework in which all of Berlioz' successors thrived.

Written in 1830, this 5-movement tone-poem initiated all romantic symphonic forms from the waltz to the storm-and-stress dirge, via memorable themes. But, in addition, its final movement, the "Witches' Sabbath," contains chromatic dissonances that did not resurface for 50 years.

The Romanian-born, Israeli-raised Yoel Lev, now resident conductor of the Cleveland orchestra, proved that he is indeed one of the world's major younger conductors by confidently meeting all of the diverse challenges posed by Berlioz' masterpiece.

He led the Toronto Symphony in a confident yet sensitive rendition on Nov. 10 and 11, characterized by tight co-ordination of all the intricate counterpoints, especially in the fast finale. Yet his direction of the slow sections, throughout, demonstrated an easy, tender lyricism.

However, the choice of material in the first half of the Massey Hall concert did not adequately demonstrate Levi's versatility as a conductor, as indicated by his noteworthy international track record.

Not only were the other pieces of the same French-romantic milieu but, despite their technical wizardy, they were nonetheless samples of lightweight fluff.

Berlioz' Roman Carnival overture, salvaged from his operatic flop, Bevenenuto Cellini, though written eight years after his Symphonie Fantastique, pales in comparison. Still, as the opener, its inclusion would have been excusable had the featured concerto been a particularly distinctive work.

Why not a violin concerto from any other perid, be it Bach or Prokofieff? Why not a contemporary Israeli piece as the opener? (I continue to maintain that Israeli performers should do all they can to promote Israeli compositions abroad.)

The best symphonic concerts, unless specially devoted to one particualr composer, usually feature works of diverse styles and periods. Thus, upon his awaited return to Toronto, Yoel Levi, having proven his ability here, should diversify the scope of his repertoire.

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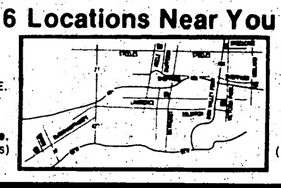
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Salome Bey's new musical SWEETMAMMA previews tonight, opens Sat. at Leah P's. It's the life story of the great Ethel Waters (remember her singing Eli, Eli?), starring Salome Bey, Denis Simpson, Gene Clark and Lily Franks. Directed by Indigo director Bette Howard, it's a dynamite show and almost sold out, so telephone fast! Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street, 636–6752.

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Sondra Gotlieb

Sondra Gotlieb knows how to make people laugh

By SHARON DRACHE

OTTAWA —

A good fiction writer is like a good chef. He uses the best natural ingredients, combining them in his own special way to create delicious fare.

This is apt comparison for Sondra Gotlieb, whose cookbook, "The Gourmet's Canada" (New Press, 1972) launched her literary career. "I was told to write what I knew best," says Gotlieb.

She followed this with a very funny novel, "True Confections" (General, 1978), subtitled "Or How My Family Arranged My Marriage," which won the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humor (1978). While the effort was well received by the literary community, it encountered flak on Gotlieb's home turf, Winnipeg.

Now, with her second novel, "First Lady, Last Lady," (McClelland & Stewart) Gotlieb is again looking just past her nose for material. As wife of Allan Gotlieb, soon to be Canada's ambassador to Washington, she has had the opportunity to catalogue a sea of political and diplomatic information for her fictional purposes. And the result is as delicious as her recipe for kasha and mushrooms.

In this recipe, so popular at the Winnipeg Symphony Fair, Gotlieb substitutes mushrooms for macaroni. Therein lies the excellence of the culinary delight.

Similarly, in First Lady, Last Lady, Gotlieb's imagination enables her to invent an unusual heroine, Nini Pike, a totally devoted Canadian prime minister's wife, whose prime occupations are her marriage and the promotion of her husband, Barry Pike.

At the beginning of the novel, Nini, age 46, can't get out of bed one morning to perform her chatelaine duties. She has been reading Cosmopolitan and Ms, replete with their ads for "new women." For the first 30 pages, the reader fears he's about to face the all-too-familiar Margret Trudeau angst from a menopausal viewpoint. But, surprise, Nini is in bed for good reason. She's being blackmailed.

The story is fast moving and funny. Gotlieb has not abandoned her encyclopedic knowledge of cooking. Perjaps the best descriptions are of diplomatic dinners. For example, Nini, who, at the beginning of the book, has just completed a 6-week recovery period following a hysterectomy, planned her most important dinner in advance.

"Two days before her hysterectomy, Nini sat down with her chef, Yvès Marius, in his kitchen. She had her heart set on tournedos quatre etages, the first layer a rare filet, the second soft veal marrow, the third a lightly poached egg and the fourth a rich wine sauce with truffles, covering the lower three layers.

"As the guests cut out the beef, the egg and the marrow would ooze into the wine sauce and they would be as pleased as if Old Faithful, in Yellowstone Park, had squirted right on their plates."

Nini's first problem in promoting Barry Pike occurs early on in his career when he is first secretary at the Canada Permanent Mission at the United Nations in Geneva. Barry's boss, Hugh Hilary-Moulds, is not going to promote his first secretary. Nini is determined no one will stand in Barry's way. Her repertoire includes attempted murder.

The plot unfolds as the blackmail for Nini's loving attempt to save, or rather launch, her husband's career is revealed in a series of flashbacks to Geneva in the 1960s.

Gotlieb deserves full marks for a zestful documentation of the times (Allan Gotlieb was one-time secretary to the Canadian mission at the UN in Geneva). Her imaginative handle on political and diplomatic life will make any reader laugh.

Salome Bey stars in "Sweetmama"- story of singing great, Ethel Waters

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

One of the people who had the biggest influence on singing during the 20th century was the late Ethel Waters. She was a giant of her time, and the story of her life is the subject of the next production at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

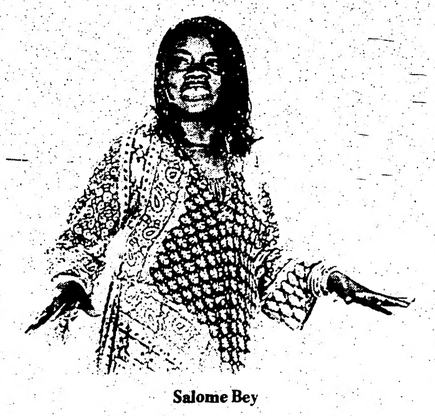
"Sweetmama" stars Salome Bey, Lily Francks, Denis Simpson and Gene Clark. It runs from Nov. 26 to Dec. 19.

Reva Stern-Tward, director of the theatre, told The CJN that "I figured if Ethel Waters could sing "Eli, Eli," then she must have some Jewish soul . . . there must be something there."

Waters, was Black and, in the latter part of her life, she was a member of the Billy Graham Crusades. Her story is not the type one expects to see in a "Jewish" theatre, but Tward said she felt it would be good for the Leah Posluns Theatre. "It will attract a big cross-section from the community," she said. "I think it's a very exciting project. "I believe in Salome.

"When people come to this theatre, they want to see something they can relate to in a Jewish way. So, when I do a play like Sweetmama and it has Eli, Eli, there is an understanding of similar experiences between the Blacks and the Jews.

"I suppose if I was doing a play about the people of Siam, you'd wonder why we do it. But we can relate to the Blacks, we can relate to success, we can relate to someone rising out from the ghetto."



Salome Bey

Bey said she is excited about the play. She said when she did "Indigo," a review that featured the music of Bessie Smith, Pearl Bailey and Billie Holiday, there wasn't enough attention paid to Waters. "Even though Ethel did blues," Bey said, "she got respect for her delivery, for her delivery of a lyric. You could understand everything she sang. Her diction was impeccable."

Waters, who died at 81 in 1977, was a major force from the 1930s until the late 1950s. She did vaudeville, the Blackbird Review, drama and movies. She was one of the first Blacks to star in the movies.

"She approached the blues in her own way," Bey said. "She's had an influence on my career and I didn't even know it. I used to hear her records when I was growing up and I didn't know it was Ethel I was listening to."

Bey said she began writing Sweetmama in June of this year and it moved very quickly. She said the Leah Posluns wanted to put on Indigo, but she wasn't ready to go with it again. Bey offered Sweetmama and it was accepted.

"For me, Sweetmama is better then Indigo," Bey said. "I think I'm writing better and I was able to zero in on one person. In Indigo, there was a high energy level. There were six people on stage and you thought you had 60. In Sweetmama, I have a chance to become a part of the person."

During her long career, Waters made a number of songs into hits. She did a lot of songs that people know, among them "Stormy Weather," "Am I Blue," "Heatwave," "Don't Blame Me," and "There'll Be Some Changes Made."

And she was also the first performer to do Eli, Eli in a theatre, according to Bey.

Throughout her career, Waters found it difficult to get along with other singers because they were constantly stealing ideas and material from her. "She made 'Dinah' famous," Bey said. "And she was the first to use "Come up and see me some time."

CJN article inspires Torgov

TORONTO —

Author Morley Torgov owes the idea of his forthcoming novel to a news item in The Canadian Jewish News.

Torgov, who has written "A Good Place To Come From," says he was intrigued by a CJN story from Moncton, N.B., about a new rabbi in town.

The rabbi, a Lubavitcher, was hired to replace the incumbent who had been killed in a traffic mishap. Torgov's book, "The Outside Chance of Maximillian Glick," tells how this Lubavitcher adjusts to Moncton, referred to as "Steelton."

A lawyer by profession, Torgov originally wrote it as a short story, then as a children's story and, finally, as a fullblown novel. The publisher is Lester & Orpen Dennys of Toronto, which has just put out "The Spice Box," an anthology of Jewish Canadian writing.

At the Jewish Book Fair, Torgov read a story of his which appears in The Spice Box. Also reading their works were poets Irving Layton and Miriam Waddington. — S.K.

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Arts

Isaac Bashevis Singer thrills Book Fair audience, tells them the Yiddish language is here to stay

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Isaac Bashevis Singer, writer extraordinaire and standup comedian, was in an expansive mood as a wave of unadulterated adulation washed over him.

In Yiddish, the Nobel Prize winner explained, you're a genius if you're humorless.

"Why did Cain kill Abel?"

"Because Abel told old jokes."

The crowd at the Jewish Book Fair tittered.

"Yankel, the ship has sprung a leak."

"What does it matter to you? It's not your ship."

They roared with appreciation.

Singer, the greatest living novelist in the Yiddish language, could have been Henny Youngman or Myron Cohen if anyone hadn't noticed.

Someone asked Singer to say a word about the question from audiences he likes most of all. Never mind that, he said. Do you want to hear about the silliest question?

Of course, they did.

In an auditorium somewhere in the U.S., a kid got up on his hind legs, determined to embarrass Singer. Singer said he knew he wanted to make trouble. He could see it in his eyes.

"How would you feel if your audience was naked?"

Nonplussed and not missing a beat, Singer replied that he was ready and willing to test his reactions to such a scenario. He brought the house down.

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The 78-year-old writer, who has a fixation with the supernatural, began his presentation here by reading "The Missing Line," one of his pungent short stories redolent of pre-World War II Poland.

A famous literary critic for a Yiddish daily in Warsaw relates how bungling typesetters at his newspaper mangle his articles. Then, one day, the piece de resistance of bloopers occurs. Much to the critic's bafflement, one of his perpetual "missing lines" turns up in a lurid news story in a rival newspaper. The item, entitled "A Man A Beast," is about a drunken janitor who rapes his daughter.

Singer reads the tale from a manuscript, his unsteady, richly accented voice rising and falling rhythmically. He is a bald, diminutive, rosy-cheeked figure in a formal blue suit and black shoes. His wife sits in the second row, laughing with the rest of them.

He begins reading "The Autobiography of Yiddish," an essay both uproarious and solemn.

Yiddish, he claims, is not a jargon or a dialect. It is a living language with an accomplished past. It is inherently humorous, so writers whose stock-in-trade is a laugh a minute suffer grievously in translation.

Mamaloshen, Singer explains, is no more jargonistic than English, a combination, like Yiddish, of several tongues. In Yiddish, Ashkenazic Jews have worked, prayed, loved and exorcised dybbuks.

A language is like a woman, the wizened old man says. The more it is exposed, the more beautiful it (or she) is.

His bantering tone changes, much like a sharply shifting scene from one of his mystical novels laden with goblins and devils.

The Jewish assimilation, he says darkly, is the worst enemy of Yiddish. "He throws away with hatred what is his and cannot grasp what isn't his." He exchanges thousands of years of history for an illusion.

Although the Nazis dealt Yiddish a blow, Yiddish lives on, and rumors regarding its demise are, to use Mark Twain's putdown, exaggerated, Singer declares.

In culture, resurrection is inevitable, he seems to say, "What goes to sleep must wake up." Hebrew, dormant for so long, came to life within 50 years. So it is with Yiddish. It has taken a battering but it has not been defeated. In fact, Yiddish has never been as rich in words and idioms as today, he asserts.

Singer has no use for assimilation, and he urges young people not to be fooled by it. Cultural pluralism and individuality are preferable to assimilation, he says.

"You'll find in Yiddish — which has been saved from fires and tyrants — your identity and your very soul."

Issac Bashevis Singer signs autograph for a fan

Agonizing question is raised in novel

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Twelfth Power of Evil
By Jerrold Morgulas
Seaview Books

Why were the Auschwitz death factories and the rail lines leading to them never bombed?

This is the agonizing question that is at the root of this suspenseful and outspoken novel. In the Auschwitz gas chambers 15,000 human beings were being destroyed every 24 hours. Allied aircraft flew over the concentration camp again and again in order to bomb a nearby industrial complex. Clear and distinct air photographs taken in 1944 by Allied reconnaissance raiders clearly show the rail lines. One photograph makes visible a procession of Jews, between the trains and the gate, on their way to torture and death.

Winston Churchill ordered the RAF to produce feasibility studies for air strikes against Auschwitz. But nothing was done. Strangely, plans were lost or mislaid. When the RAF turned the matter over to the United States war department, no action was taken.

In June 1944, in the face of outraged opinion, the war department offered an official explanation: "The war department fully appreciates the humanitarian importance of the suggested operation. However, after due consideration of the problem, it is considered that the most effective relief to victims of enemy persecution is the early defeat of the Axis, an undertaking to which we must devote every resource at our disposal." This facile explanation was hard to take.

In the novel an outraged victim of Nazi brutality cries out: "The gas chambers could have been destroyed in half an hour and probably would never have been rebuilt. A quarter of a million people, and two million before them. That, sir, is quite a record. It is a very heavy load of guilt for any man to live with, wouldn't you say? But — surprising, isn't it — so many were able to live with."

For Jerrold Morgulas, the explanation for the strange and callous behavior of the Allies involves a shameful plot. Influential members of the United States war department and a number of American diplomats conspired with the United States based "Criterion" Oil Company to prevent the bombing of Auschwitz. This was done in order to protect a nearby I. G. Farben factory in which German technicians, aided by slave laborers, were constructing a necessary and innovative plant for the production of synthetic rubber.

The greed, inhumanity and "business as usual" behavior of two giant companies — one American, the other German — and a variety of officials and diplomats is termed "the twelfth power of evil."

This thriller involves a Zurich-based rescue operation which tries unsuccessfully to thwart the designs of the multinational executives and their accomplices. But when the war is over, a self-appointed avenger, one of those who suffered at Auschwitz, systematically tracks down and kills those largely responsible. During the second series of trials at Nuremberg they had been exonerated or received only token sentences.

This book, replete with action and crisp dialogue, sweeps over 40 years of recent history and covers half the countries in war torn Europe. There is a sure feeling for place — whether it be Berne, Budapest or Lisbon.

Actual documents, now available, including US official reports, correspondence between executives of multinational corporations and data from the Nuremberg war crime trials are used as chapter headings. One of the most damning was written by a German production chief to a fellow scientist: "There is of course, a sort of 'gentlemen's agreement' between us and our colleagues abroad that our plants will not be bombed . . ."

This novel, then, is not just an engrossing account of terrible crimes committed and retribution exacted. It is also a moral indictment, a work of accusation. It raises questions that still cry out for answers.

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Skokie—unusual prime time show

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This review has dealt so far with the political events which were at the film's core. But in the docudrama genre, a plot is also permissible, and this is built around the conflicts inside Feldman's own family, and ultimately, within himself.

His wife, also a survivor, played rather ineffectively by Kim Hunter, is physically sick when her husband talks about the intended Nazi march in Skokie. She retires to bed and puts soothing music on the record player.

Both the father and mother have shielded Janet, their 16-year-old daughter, from details of the Holocaust, but revelation comes quickly on the heels of her father's involvement. She, too, must grow up, and consider anew, demands to be allowed to get a driver's license, and to stay overnight with friends of both sexes after a beach concert. At the end she says, "I can't feel like my father does, but I do feel different than other kids.

Revelation comes, as well, to her father. "Why am I afraid for you to grow up? I'm not afraid for myself. Survival, they talk about. You are my survival."

There is an attempt to flesh out the part of Feldman's wife (both are presumably composite characters) to explain her malaise, her inability to come to grips.

"Let's go away from here before the Nazis come," she begs Feldman.

"Where do you want to go?" he asks her in turn. "Do you want to go to Israel?

"No," she replies, "I'd be afraid. There are killings and bombings in Israel. I don't know where to go. You can't keep them out. Nobody can keep them away," and Feldman answers, "Where should a Jew go to hide? There is no hiding place. In Skokie at least we are not alone. We'll stay, let them go. This time it's different."

Another part of the plot concerns the dilemma of the Jewish lawyer, who, as an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, argues for the right of free speech of Martin Collin, leader of the American National Socialist Party. He successfully appeals the ban on the march to the Illinois Supreme Court on the ground it is an infringement of the First Amendment.

But then Collin works out a deal at the 11th hour to give up the Skokie march in favor of a Chicago appearance. Collin goes on TV to boast: "I never wanted to march in Jew town anyway. I've been on TV for a whole year. I won, I beat the Jews. Show me a nigger hater and a Jew hater and I'll show you a potential member of the National Socialist party."

The divisions within the ACLU over the Skokie march are clearly shown, and one official comments that 15% of the members resigned as a result, and their financial support was even harder hit.

Veteran actor Lee Strasberg appears as an important supporter of the ACLU, bringing his letter of resignation in person to the Chicago office. "Yes, I am a Taft Conservative Republican, but I am also a Jew, as I have been reminded from time to time at meetings and parties," he says.

Eli Wallach is effective as the Jewish lawyer who is counsel for the village of Skokie. The mayor, at one point, says, "I intend to listen to my constituents of the Jewish persuasion," while Wallach counterpoints, "Jews, Mr. Mayor, just Jews." He also warns the mayor of complexities ahead by remarking: "For every two Jews, there will be three opinions."

The film succeeds in building tension as the day of the march approaches, and the crowds of protesters, Jewish and otherwise, gather across from the town hall, and fringe militant groups put in their appearance.

It's not your usual prime time show, and for a Jewish audience, an important movie.

Reagan renews pledge for a united Jerusalem

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matter of considerable importance to both countries, given their mutual interest. The final agreement, he said, will represent a significant security plus for Israel.

The President reiterated his commitment to ensure Israel's continued qualitative edge militarily over any possible combination of Arab adversaries.

When a Jewish leader referred to Israel's financial problems in purchasing required military equipment, Reagan replied that he was "very aware of Israel's economic problems." According to the White House source, Reagan went on to insist that Israel's qualitative superiority will be retained.

In reaffirming his support for the Camp David peace process, the President said the U.S. was not committed to the Saudi 8-point plan or the West European initiative.

Regarding the Saudi proposals, Reagan explained that he had derived some hope from them, because they talked about peace, not a jihad or a holy war against Israel.

Reagan repeated the long standing U.S. position on the PLO. He listed three conditions which would have to be met before the U.S. would recognize or negotiate with the PLO. He said the PLO would have to renounce terrorism and accept Israel's right to exist as well as UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

Reagan, Bush, Allen, and Meese, each expressed hope that the difference with Israel and the Jewish community which emerged during the AWACS debate "can now be put behind us." In reiterating the administration's position in favor of this sale, the President said he had concluded it would promote peace and security in the Middle East — even Israel's long range security need.

Display intended to show anti-semitism is still alive

By JOEL STARKMAN

TORONTO —

Hundreds of York University students gathered in the university's main hallway recently to examine a display of Holocaust material and listen to speakers discuss the importance of the Holocaust in relation to Remembrance Day.

The exhibit was entitled "It Can Happen Here," and was sponsored by the Jewish Student Federation.

Organizer Lee Rosenbloom said the display was intended to act "as an educational device to the Jewish and non-Jewish students at York."

"We put it (the exhibit) together to try and show the Jewish kids here that there really is anti-semitism in North America and even in Toronto. Everybody wants to shut their eyes and ears but the evidence is before them, they must listen," said Rosenbloom, a child of Holocaust survivors.

She added that what the students must realize is that "there are organizations existing in Toronto that manufacture and distribute Nazi propaganda and there are certain movements perpetrating the falsity of the Holocaust."

Included in the exhibit were numerous pamphlets and pieces of hate literature that are the product of groups such as the National Socialist Party of Canada, the Nazi Party of America, the Ku Klux Klan and Ernst Zundel. Zundel, who lives in Toronto, is said to be the largest distributor and producer of anti-Holocaust material in North America and Europe, according to stories that have appeared in Toronto newspapers.

Besides enlarged photographs of the Holocaust and pieces of recent anti-semitic literature, the exhibit also included a video-taped segment of the film "Night and Fog." The gruesome vividness of the Holocaust film clip moved many of the viewers.

"What can I say?" asked Rosenbloom. "People really don't know what it was like. They think they have a conception of the degree of horror until they see something like Night and Fog. Then they have to rethink something they had consigned to the closet."

Despite the urgings of JSF workers to go and see the display, the response of Jewish students was "negligible," said one JSF worker. "Most told me they had already seen that sort of stuff."

Commenting on Jewish student apathy at the university, Rosenbloom said "they really don't care. All they want is to be left alone so that they don't have to be reminded . . . so that they can forget about the implications the Holocaust has on being Jewish," she said.

Reacting to one person who walked through the crowd saying, "The Zionist propaganda . . . never stops," Rosenbloom responded, "I can't believe people are saying those things! Why do we (Jews) kid ourselves? Why do we think that everyone has learned such a good lesson from it (the Holocaust)? People want to forget about it, especially the Jews."

The guest speakers were Sister Maureena Fritz, a professor of theology at St. Michael's College at University of Toronto, and Alan Shefman, director of the League of Human Rights of Canadian B'nai B'rith.

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Sheila Burman and Lewis S. Ross unveil the Goldblatt plaque at the entrance to Shalom Village.

Jewish seniors home opens in Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — In contrast to the cold, wet and blustery weather that marked the sod-turning ceremony almost exactly a year ago, the sun smiled on Hamilton on a recent Sunday morning as several hundred people jammed into Shalom Village for the official opening ceremony of the 5-storey, 39-apartment building for Jewish senior citizens, the first of its kind in the Hamilton area.

The crowd filled the main floor social hall, dining room and lounge and overflowed into the foyer as Lewis S. Ross, president of the board of directors, declared it to be "a very historic occasion."

He recalled the hard work, "the moments of despair, the ups and downs . . . and even times when we were almost ready to give up" of the past six or seven years, and went on to congratulate and thank the many volunteers and committees who "had worked so hard to have the building ready for the opening."

Ross paid tribute to the late Ludwig Benario, the man who had initiated the project, and the late Sam Smurlick, who got it off the ground, and he commended Sheila Burman who, "for the past seven years has lived every part of this development, first as a volunteer and now as administrator."

Earlier, after Rabbi Israel N. Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue had affixed the mezuza and following the ceremonious handling over of the gold key by architect Michael Torsney and builder Louis Fuss, Ross and Burman unveiled a plaque in memory of Jacob Rosenstadt and in honor of Frank and Dolly Goldblatt, while Monty Levy unveiled the cornerstone on behalf of the Levy family of Hamilton.

"The measure of any society is how it treats its elders," Dr. Stuart Smith, MPP, Hamilton West and leader of the provincial Liberal Party, told the gathering. "We, as members of the Jewish community of Ontario," he continued, "have a lot to be proud of. This home is going to bring great comfort, joy and dignity to a great many people . . . those who deserve it most."

Hamilton mayor Bill Powell and regional chairman Anne Jones brought greetings on behalf of the city and region, while David Rotenberg, MPP, said he had come not only as a representative of the provincial government but also as a member of the Ontario Jewish community.

Others who took part in the ceremony included the president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, Dr. Michael Sherman; Jewish Community Centre executive director Sam Brownstone; vice-president of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Ronald J. Bisset; Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom; Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue; Dr. Stanley Hudecki, MP, and Lawrence Crawford, of the Ontario ministry of community and social services.

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UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Percy Grafstein,** husband of Ann, father of Charlotte Blumenfeld, Pauline Cooper, Bernice Laufer and beloved grandfather and brother. Will take place on Sunday, Nov. 29/81, 11:00 a.m., at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Shaare Tefillah section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 26

OBITUARIES

Fishman, Harry, on Nov. 8/81, late of 548 Atlas Ave.
Gollom, Nathan, on Nov. 16/81, late of 6151 Bathurst St. #503.
Guttman, Adela, on Nov. 7/81, late of 28 Beaver Valley Rd.
Kates, Sophie, on Nov. 15/81, late of 3 Forest Wood.
Petroff, Rosa, on Nov. 15/81, late of 3636 Bathurst St. #1001.
Rudolph, Harry David, on Nov. 6/81, late of 45 Fairholme Ave.
Rudolph, Toby, on Nov. 17/81, late of Baycrest Residence.
Stein, Emanuel, on Nov. 17/81, late of 8 Roanoke Rd. #1009.

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Cladman, Harvey, on Nov. 13/81, late of 6030 Bathurst St. #1111.
Finkler, Ann, on Nov. 14/81, late of 611 Briar Hill Ave.
Gilbert, Reg, on Nov. 15/81, late of 7 Dallas Rd.
Green, Syd, on Nov. 12/81, late of 11 Newgate Rd.
Horowitz, Edith, on Nov. 13/81, late of 7 Ridelle Ave.
Kaufman, Rose, on Nov. 11/81, Baycrest Centre.
Kurin, Samuel, on Nov. 10/81, late of 29 Corwin Cres.
Levy, Jack, on Nov. 13/81, late of 680 Roselawn Ave. #807.
Mandel, Annie, on Nov. 12/81, 3253 Bathurst St.
Markowitz, Riva, on Nov. 10/81, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Mecklinger, Samuel, on Nov. 14/81, late of 21 Mayfair Ave. #408.
Ruderfer, Morris, on Nov. 10/81, late of 82 Evanston Dr.
Schwartz, Morris, on Nov. 15/81, late of 57 Brookview Dr.
Shore, William, on Nov. 11/81, late of 745 York Mills Rd. #506.
Smith, Harry, on Nov. 11/81, late of 370 Ridelle Ave. #904.
Starkoff, Louis, on Nov. 10/81, late of 61 Driftwood Ave. #7.
Walton, Jenny, on Nov. 12/81, late of Baycrest Centre.
Wilshur, Carrie, on Nov. 6/81, late of Continental Nursing Centre, 5336 North Western Chicago.

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Girls' school sponsors scroll

NEW YORK — Students of the Brooklyn-based Beth Rivkah Girls' School Lubavitch, have for the first time in the school's history, organized to sponsor the writing of a Torah scroll.

The purpose of this project is to unite 304,805 Jewish people from various backgrounds in one common bond, said Rabbi Samuel Fogelman, director of the school, which has 1,500 students in attendance, from the ages of 3 to 21.

In this Torah, each of the students can write a letter requesting to sponsor one of the 304,805 letters in the work.

A sponsor can also be a student who is attending or has attended one of the 30 other Lubavitcher-run Beth Rivkah schools worldwide.

Anyone interested in purchasing a letter to his or her honor or in memory of a departed one should write Sefer Torah Beth Rivkah School, #310 Crown St., Brooklyn, New York 11225. The order in which the subscription forms are received will determine which subscriber gets which letter in the Torah.

Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson (spiritual leader of the Lubavitcher Hassidism) has already engaged the services of a scribe to begin writing the Sefer Torah, which will take at least six months to complete.

Security devices

TEL AVIV — The first conference of overseas distributors of Israeli security devices was conducted here recently by Mul-T-Lock Ltd. (Rav Bariach), the country's major producer and exporter of locks, cylinders and barrier doors (Pladelet), it was announced by Moishe Dolev, general manager of the company which is headquartered in Yavne.

Importers of the Israeli line of sophisticated home and institutional locking equipment from Italy, Spain, France, Canada, the United States (Chicago), Venezuela, Switzerland, Germany, South Africa and Australia participated in the international gathering which recently took place at the Hyatt Hotel in Tel Aviv.

The conference demonstrated successful Mul-T-Lock marketing methods in Israel to the overseas distributors, and included inspection tours of the company's regional branches. The organization, merchandizing, advertising, and installation techniques of the Israeli security equipment manufacturer were studied, it was stated.

Curlers beware - when Braunstein gets nervous

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN

In 1958, Terry Braunstein set the curling world on its ear when he skipped his Manitoba rink of teenagers into the Brier.

Braunstein, 18 at the time, finished second in that Brier, losing the best-of-three playoff for top spot. But, seven years later, he won the Brier and was finally holder of the most cherished honor in Canadian curling.

From the time he first made it to the Brier in 1958 and for the next 23 years, Braunstein has taken part in the highest level of competitive curling. "I dropped out of it a bit about three years ago," Braunstein told Sports Scene. "It was taking up too much time and I'd lost my desire. I could no longer pay the penalty of practicing and thinking only about curling.

"I can't get into the game like I used to. I started thinking about my family and business on the ice. I don't get nervous anymore," he added.

Braunstein, who was in town recently to compete in the Molson's Classic, said he plays better when he's nervous.

In his heyday, Braunstein played hundreds of games during the curling season. He said that last year, he only played 35 games. One of the things he said he misses about not constantly competing are the people. And that's one of the main reasons he goes into some of the bigger cash bonspiels.

Terry started curling when he was 12 years old and he credits two other Jewish curlers, his uncle Eph Portigal and Barney Kettner, with teaching him the game.

He said the game is for young men, and that the curling in Winnipeg is getting better and better all the time. However, he pointed out that, four years ago, he got back together with his brother, Ron, who curled with him from 1958 to 1965, plus his old lead, Ray Turnbull, and his old third, Don Duguid, and "it was the best team I ever had . . . we really clicked."

Braunstein said that because of his getting to the Brier at such a young age, a lot of young kids got involved in the game because of what he was doing. "It's a physically tiring game and you've got to be in shape to play well," he said.

"As a skip, it's emotionally tough. In a bonspiel, you've got to concentrate for nine hours a day. The beauty of curling is that it combines the best qualities of a team game and an individual sport.

"When you go to throw a last rock and you're playing for a Brier or for four cars, you'd not only let yourself down, but three other guys if you missed the shot."

But, over the years, Braunstein obviously has made enough of those last shots. During his 23 years as a competitive curler, he made it to the Brier twice — winning it once — and has won four car spiels and dozens of cash spiels.

"Right now," he said, "I'm going through a bit of a slump. All teams do, but we can still hold our own and, hopefully, I'll get nervous again."

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Ladies who are cross-country skiing enthusiasts will be interested in knowing that **Diane Kettner** is once again running the Knickerbocker Touring Club.

Starting on Jan. 6, there'll be weekly visits to six different ski locations. Kettner said the number of locations may have to be changed, however, if ski conditions aren't good.

The cost for the six weeks is $105, and that includes transportation and lessons. There are two pickup points, with the bus leaving at 8.30 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Kettner at 447-6017.

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Harold Katz, the new owner of Philadelphia 76ers of the National Basketball Association, used to play in a Jewish basketball league in Philadelphia. Before buying the team, he actually wanted to purchase the Phillies of baseball's National League, but he was turned off by the players' strike and went after the basketball team instead.

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Basketball never seems to get as much attention in Canada as football, baseball and hockey. Not only do the daily newspapers seem to give it little play, but the same seems to hold true for book publishers.

But, this year, things seem to be different, and three basketball books have already made their way on to my desk.

The first is "The Breaks of the Game," by David Halberstam (Random House, $18.95). Halberstam was a reporter and correspondent for the New York Times for six years and won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of Vietnam during 1962 and 1963.

Halberstam is one of America's most respected reporters. He is also an incurable basketball fan who spent the 1979-80 season with the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers. That year of travel has produced an outstanding study of the men who made up that team.

He introduces the reader to the life of a pro basketball player. He lets one know that everything isn't always roses in the big leagues. There are tough schedules of travel, and conflicting personalities among players, coaches and owners. There are the wives, the fans and the media to be dealt with. And, of course, there are the highs and the lows of winning and losing.

As Howard Cosell has said so many times: "He tells it like it is." And for basketball fans who want to get the inside story, by all means get a copy of The Breaks of the Game.

The second basketball book isn't quite as heavy as Halberstam's, but it will be equally enjoyed by roundball fans. It's the 35th anniversary edition of "The NBA's Official Encyclopedia of Pro Basketball," edited by Zander Hollander (The New American Library of Canada, $29.95).

Hollander starts with the pioneers who set up the NBA and continues on to the present. He includes a number of other items that will, once and for all, settle arguments between basketball fans because all they'll have to do to find out rookies of the year, NBA records, drafts, coaches of the year, and dozens of other goodies is turn to the encyclopedia.

While the best sports encyclopedia is probably the baseball encyclopedia, this one can hold its own. Originally published in 1977 as "The Pro Basketball Encyclopedia," it has been updated and spruced up. One of its features that the baseball book lacks is the photographs of the stars of the game.

For fans who want to concentrate on the 1981-82 season, I suggest Hollander's "The Complete Handbook of Pro Basketball" (New America Library, $3.95).

This handy pocketbook contains photos, mini-biographies and career records of the present season's NBA players.

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Terry Braunstein of Winnipeg takes aim during recent Molson's Classic.

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Hub of JCC North-East branch activities is this historic building.

Little red schoolhouse

It is community's centre

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A 1-room schoolhouse, built almost 115 years ago, is the nerve centre of the North-East Jewish community of Toronto which now numbers nearly 30,000 people.

The last little red schoolhouse left in North York, located on Finch Ave., east of Leslie St., is where Sheila Bellack, director, and her staff and a corps of volunteers keep the lines humming to a community that stretches to Markham-Unionville to the east and Richmond Hill to the north. It operates as a branch of The Jewish Community Centre.

The Zion school is a historic site and it is being used under an agreement that not so much as one brick of its exterior may be changed. The idea that a new community is being nurtured in the bosom of an old one (the school was built in 1867) is one that appeals to Ms. Bellack and her co-workers.

The boundaries of the North-East community are Scarborough on the east, Bayview Ave. on the west, 401 highway on the south, and Richmond Hill on the north. Within this area, there are nine synagogues, some still in portables or meeting in people's homes, and they include Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations.

It also includes 15 Jewish schools, many associated with the synagogues, but also full time day schools (Associated and United Synagogue, Bayview branch). As well, there is a secular school and a school for learning — disabled children (Tikvath Hayim). Other schools include ones operated by the Workmen's Circle, the United Congregational School (McNicoll Branch) and Torah Ohr.

The whole range of Jewish agency services is available to this new community, including a branch office of Jewish Family & Child Service in the Fairview Mall.

The North-East community covers areas in four different municipalities — North York, Scarborough, Richmond Hill and Markham, including that part of Thornhill east of Yonge St. "But we don't worry about municipal dividing lines," Bellack said. "If a family is south of Steeles (North York) or north of Steeles (Markham) it doesn't matter to us. We beg, borrow or steal facilities wherever we can find them."

That Finch Ave. nerve centre has generated an amazing number of services — from pre-schoolers to seniors. Its single parents group is the largest in Metro, with 700 on the mailing list. It has an active group of 300 seniors who meet in the Hillcrest Library in North York. There is a group of 40-50 teenagers involved with BBYO. There are programs for children of elementary school age and hobby groups for older children.

Though there is a sprinkling of members who live as far east as Yonge St., 95% of N-E activities take place east of Bayview Ave., the director said.

There are three Orthodox congregations, including a new one just getting under way, the N.E. Hebrew Congregation, which meets in various homes, but there is only one kosher butcher shop (Miracle Mart, Don Mills and Steeles) and no kosher bakeries.

Other shuls include Shaarei Zion, located in a portable at Leslie St. and Steeles, and Ohalei Yosef Yitzchak, which also meets in members' homes temporarily.

The Conservative congregations are Beth Tikvah on Bayview Ave. in North York, Shaar Shalom in Thornhill, the Richmond Hill Jewish Community Synagogue, and Markham-Unionville Hebrew Congregation, while the Reform movement has Temple Emanu-El on Colony Rd. in North York and Temple Har Zion on Bayview Ave., in Markham.

Though some families have moved back to the Bathurst-Steeles area to take advantage of kosher shopping and other services, new families have replaced them and there has been no net loss in the total of 4,000 member families.

"The growth in the area in the past year or so is at a minimal rate now compared to the big spurt between 1978 and 1980," Bellack said. "But there is still construction going on in Thornhill and Markham-Unionville. We have about 100 families from Scarborough on our mailing list."

Though the Valley branch of the Jewish Community Centre with its tennis and swimming facilities on Leslie St. north of Steeles is not officially a part of the North-East community, yet it does provide another focus for N-E activities. It is used for N-E programs in the winter time. It has a total of 1,100 tennis members and 500 swim-only members. Paula Vine runs the summer program there.

The volunteers who make up the North-East management committee are Bill Viner, chairman, Herb Belman, Lucille Bensky, David Bloom, Micki Bregman, Avrom Brown, Harry Cohen, David Friedman, Stan Gelman, Sam Helfenbaum, Barbara Krigstin, Pat Lieberman.

Adele Maizels, Harold Malitsky, Martin Mendelow, Morris Perlis, Rudy Philipp, Harvey Raben, Jack Rotztain, Helen Smolkin, Stan Solomon, Howard Weinroth, Shirley Worth and Jack Wynberg.

In addition to Bellack, the staff includes Linda Friedman, Eileen Garber and Phyllis Verbin.

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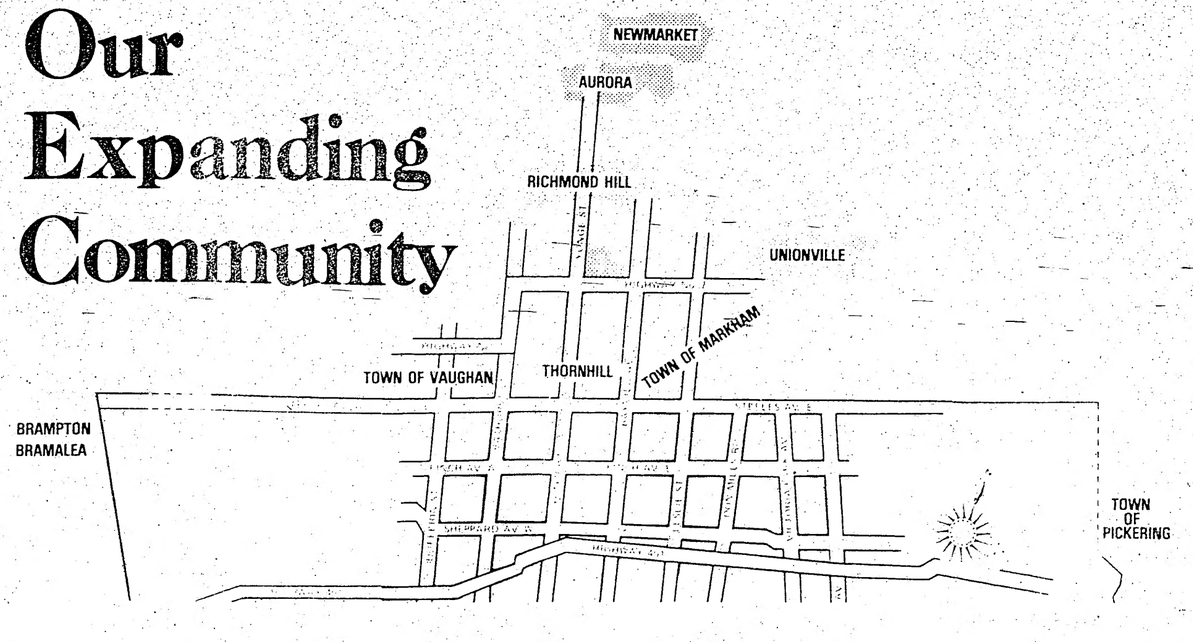


Amenities evolve north of Metro

As Metropolitan Toronto grows, so grows the Jewish community. And now, the community is expanding rapidly beyond the borders of Metro — to the east, north and west.

As in days gone by, wherever a Jewish population develops, a synagogue and Jewish school are organized in short order . . . and this is happening in the new areas around Toronto.

In this first special report, co-ordinated by Beverley Stern, The CJN takes a look at the expanding Jewish community and the new areas which Jews are flocking to in ever-increasing numbers.

Within the past 25 years, the centre of the Toronto Jewish community moved north from the Dundas-College-Harbord area to the Bathurst-Lawrence-Wilson area. It is quite likely that the centre will now shift further north to Steeles, right from Dufferin to Scarborough, to serve the burgeoning communities north of Metro; and Mississauga could become the focal point for the new Jewish areas west of Metro.

We have attempted to cover a very big and important community story in this report and no doubt we have overlooked some important aspects. But with the co-operation of our readers we hope this will be only the first of a series of reports on the great expansion.

New Vaughan Jewish community is developing around Bathurst St.

VAUGHAN, Ont. —

Jewish families moving into the Town of Vaughan north of the invisible border of Metropolitan Toronto on Steeles Ave., will be close to synagogues, schools and shopping.

Vaughan is an area of 100 square miles, stretching north from Steeles to No. 7 highway, and from Yonge St. on the east to No. 50 highway on the west, but the new Jewish community is developing mainly on either side of Bathurst St., as it has further south.

The area known as Thornhill is now in both Vaughan and Markham, with Yonge St. as the dividing line. The Jewish population in both of these new towns, at present, is mostly in Thornhill.

There is a big building boom in Vaughan — so far this year permits have been issued for $100 million in new residential construction in the Thornhill-Vaughan community alone, which covers the area between Dufferin and Yonge, and between Steeles and No. 7 Highway.

The streets crisscrossing Thornhill-Vaughan represent the new frontier for young Jewish couples who a few decades back were walking through the mud in Bathurst Heights and the Lawrence Bathurst district, and up and down unfinished stairways, in their search for affordable housing.

In the area just north of Steeles, the air is rent by the growl of bulldozers and tractors, the rat-a-tat-tat of carpenter hammers, and the whine of heavy trucks moving laboriously on gravel yet to be paved. The landscape is dotted with the tents and trailers of developers and real estate agents.

As required by the Town of Vaughan, developers have put aside three large properties for synagogues or churches and religious schools, to fit in with subdivisions already registered by the municipality.

One of these properties is on the west side of Bathurst just south of the railway tracks, and extending almost to Steeles, where a huge new shopping plaza is to be erected on the north-west corner.

Another of the synagogue or church properties is just slightly to the east of Bathurst, near Chabad Gate, in an area where many families have already moved in. This covers almost four acres. The largest reserved site is to the north and east of this one, in a Runnymede development, where about six acres have been set aside.

In addition, the planning department, as required by law, has designated three other 6-acre properties in the area east of Bathurst and north of Steeles for elementary, secondary and separate school purposes.

Any of these sites could also be used for Jewish schools, if the enrolment justified it, a planning official said.

The planning department, incidentally, is a victim of its own success, operating in temporary quarters in a portable, where builders, lawyers, and developers squeeze into any corner available. The parking lot outside the municipal offices is crammed full with cars waiting for an empty space.

No wonder the growing town needs more space for its municipal business. The answer is already visible in the form of a $4 million addition to the present town hall on Major Mackenzie Drive, just east of Keele St. It will increase space available to the crowded departments by 2½ times, and be ready for occupancy in the spring.

Just beside the new town hall, workers are putting the finishing touches on an apartment building that has 40 units for senior citizens, that should be ready soon.

It's no mystery to John Stevens, deputy Vaughan planner, why Jewish families are moving north of Steeles. "We're only a 2-minute drive away from open country," he enthused. "We provide an easy escape for people going north."

Vaughan has set aside more land for parks and recreation use than any other municipality ringing Metro, Stevens contends. "We provide good urban services and connections to the TTC."

The town council has approved a big municipal centre for the corner of Bathurst and No. 7 highway, which, in his opinion, may well become the focal point of a city that in 15 years is projected to have a population of 135,000. It now has about 35,000, including 10,000 in Thornhill.

This complex is to have a big shopping centre, possibly a new branch of the town hall, housing units for seniors, a main branch of the library, major recreational facilities, including an arena and stadium. No estimates of its cost is available.

In addition, Vaughan has set aside land for three or four large district parks, to supplement recreation facilities at the proposed new municipal centre. And properties for smaller recreation centres in local neighborhoods have also been reserved.

At present Vaughan has a mayor, Garnet A. Williams, and 6 councillors who are elected town wide. But the council is looking at a ward system to better represent a growing population.

Vaughan is divided into roughly four geographical areas: Vaughan-Thornhill, Woodbridge, Maple and Kleinburg. The present population of 10,000 in Vaughan-Thornhill is expected to grow to 75,000, the 15,000 in Woodbridge to increase to 40,000 the population of Maple to rise to 10,000 and of Kleinburg to 2,500.

There is a lot of interesting speculation about the new ethnicity of Vaughan, and planner Stevens, himself, finds it a fascinating question. "We have the established WASPS on Yonge St., Italian community at Woodbridge, the growing Jewish community at Bathurst-Steeles, and rural pockets here and there," he noted.

Synagogues open up beyond Metro Toronto

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Beth Avraham Yaakov congregation, at Bathurst about one mile north of Steeles Ave., is the latest Orthodox synagogue to take root in north Metro and beyond Metro Toronto's boundary.

Others are Ohalei Yoseph Yitzchak, at Bayview and John; Shaare Zion Congregation, 306 Goldenwood Ave., south of Steeles between Bayview and Leslie; B'nai Torah Congregaation, 465 Patricia, at Bathurst south of Steeles; and the North Lubavitcher Centre, at Bathurst just north of Beth Avraham Yaakov.

The North East Hebrew Congregation holds Shabbat, High Holiday and Yom Tovim services at Winfield Jr. High School, on Danby Rd.

Ohalei Yoseph Yitzchak, which began in 1975, has developed a school program for children from kindergarten through grade 6. Rabbi David Lawrence, the shul's spiritual leader since its inception, is the school's principal. Facilities at German Mills Public School, Thornlea Secondary School, and Chabad Gate serve the Don Mills-Steeles, Bayview-Willowbrook and Bathurst-Highway 7 area, respectively. The shul itself is at Bayview and John.

Shaarei Zion Congregation, in existence for nine years, serves the Bayview-Steeles area. Rabbi Moshe Bomzer, new spiritual leader, was involved in extending Metro's eruv — an area where carrying is permissible on Shabbat — to cover his shul. Shaare Zion has a membership of 60 families and features various youth and adult programs. Most of its children attend Associated Hebrew Day Schools.

North East Hebrew Congregation, three years old now, serves the Bayview - Leslie - York Mills area. Services are held on Shabbat, High Holidays and Yom Tovim. "The congregants come from a diverse background," said Rabbi Eliot Feldman, the shul's first spiritual leader, hired last August. "Some are observant, some not. But everything done in the synagogue is strictly according to halacha," he told The Canadian Jewish News.

Rabbi Feldman said the shul, founded by South African immigrants, is also supported by the local Mizrachi organization. The shul features various programs and lectures, which reach beyond its membership of 50 families.

B'nai Torah congregation, with a membership of 300 families, has served the Bathurst area south of Steeles for 10 years now. Rabbi Raphael Marcus, its spiritual leader for the past 1½ years, told The CJN that the shul features: an extensive youth program, involving up to 1,000 children each weekend, a full adult education program; and the gamut of synagogue-related activities and groups.

Included in the shul's schedule of full services are three Shabbat morning minyans — one at 9 a.m., an early minyan at 7.30 and a Sephardic service. There is also a junior congregation.

"We have the largest concentration of Russian immigrants of any Toronto shul," added Rabbi Marcus.

The North Lubavitch Centre was established just before Rosh Hashanah to promote Lubavitcher services and activities in north Toronto. Currently three trailers on Chabad Gate, as the street is called, are used for daily services and the daily Torah and chassidus classes. Spiritual leader is Rabbi David Shochet, long-time head of Toronto's Lubavitch Youth Movement.

Rabbi Shochet told The CJN that groundbreaking will begin next year for a building on the 3-acre site to accommodate various facilities, including a mikvah.

Beth Avraham Yaakov Congregation, the only synagogue built as part of a new housing development, attracted more than 200 High Holiday worshippers to its temporary structure, a 3-storey expanded model home in the Spring Farm area, Bathurst at Highway 7.

Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of the shul since its inception in August, said full services and a variety of Torah classes for both men and women are well under way.

A unique aspect of its Shabbat morning service is congregational study of traditional commentator Rambam, he told The CJN. "We are putting the emphasis on Torah studies here, to show that Torah addresses itself to the problems of every age, including our own."

Groundbreaking for the shul's permanent facilities which will include an adjacent yeshiva and youth centre, is slated for next spring. The 5-acre site was provided by Joseph Tanenbaum, head of Runnymede Development Corp., builder of Spring Farm.

• **For more on synagogues in the area see page 25.**

Jews moving to Markham, Canada's fastest growing town

MARKHAM, Ont. —

The number of Jewish families in the Town of Markham continues to increase, keeping pace with the rest of the community in what is described as "the fastest growing town in Canada." (According to Revenue Canada, Markham has the highest per capita income in Canada.)

The new Jewish residents are moving into the eastern part of Thornhill and also into Unionville and Markham.

As many building permits were issued in Markham by the end of June this year as had been given out for all of 1980. The value of residential, commercial and industrial construction reached $143 million by June 30, compared with $18 million for the whole of 1980.

The total value of construction in Markham has tripled since 1975, when it was $63 million.

The success Markham has had in attracting large companies to establish head offices and other facilities is credited by Mayor Anthony Roman as the reason Markham has had no increase in the general mill rate in the past five years.

Its attempt to keep a broad tax base is shown in the 1980 building figures: a total of $79 million in residential, $60 million in commercial and $43 million worth of industrial.

Among companies locating there in the past two or three years are IBM, American Express of Canada, A.C. Nielsen, Bank of Nova Scotia's major computer centre and Allstate Insurance, resulting in a "computer city" right on Metro's doorstep.

"Markham is one of the finest municipalities in Canada," enthused Mayor Roman, who is completing his 11th year as mayor. "We are a community of communities."

The mayor was referring to the fact that in addition to its urban centres of Thornhill, Markham and Unionville, the town of Markham has a number of rural hamlets spread across its huge area. These include Almira, Box Grove, Buttonville, Cedar Grove, Dicksons Hill and Locust Hill. As well there are Victoria Square, Brown's Corners, Hagerman Corners and Milliken.

Newcomers to Markham realize they are moving to what is largely a series of small cities and towns in open country when they visit the busy town hall on Woodbine Ave. south of No. 7 highway. It is bordered on either side by corn fields and there are pleasant farm homes and barns as far as the eye can see.

But steady growth is outstripping the neat,

[Cont'd. on page 31]

MARKVILLE SHOPPING CENTRE

The first phase of Markville, one of Markham's newest shopping centres, will be completed next spring. It will include an Eaton's and Miracle Food Mart as well as four movie houses. See shopping centre stories on page 28 and 30.

Our Expanding Community

Mississauga synagogue opened in 1978

Solel is already bursting at seams — new wing to be built

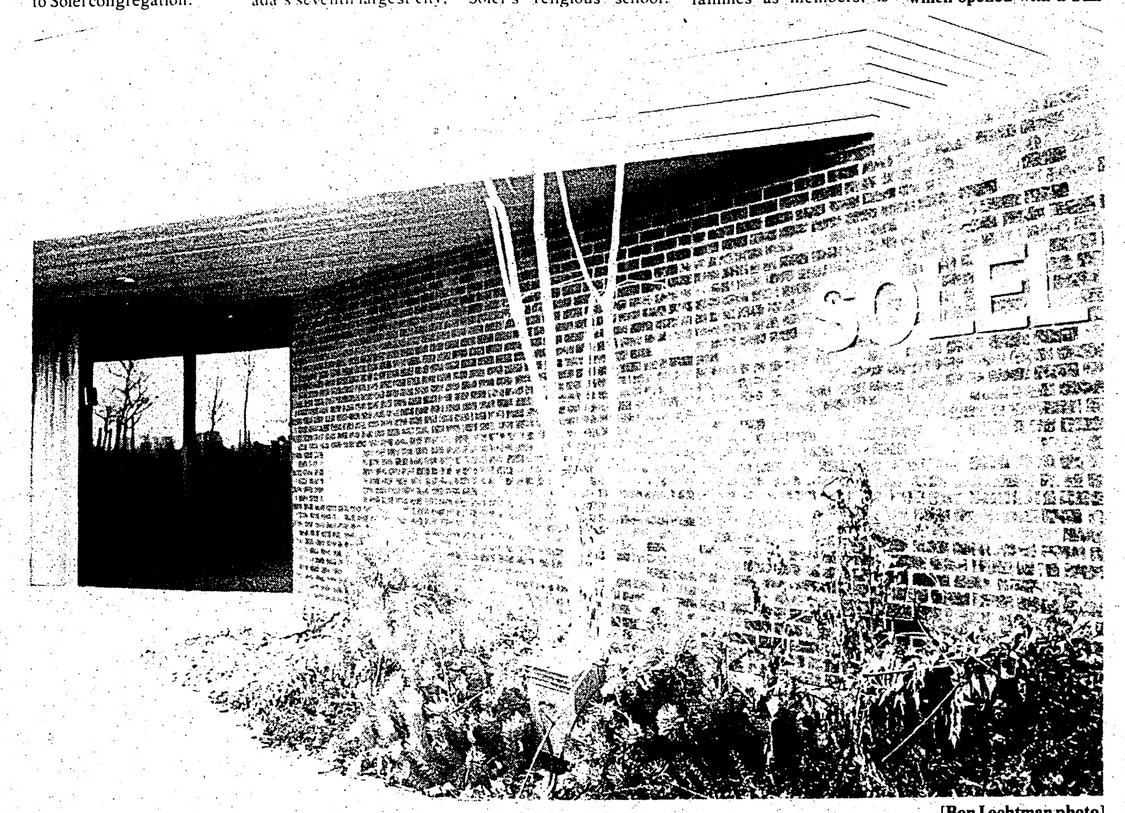
MISSISSAUGA, Ont. — When Jeff Copland went into a pharmacy looking for a wedding card in 1972 he set in motion a chain of events which led to formation of the Mississauga Jewish Community Association and soon after to Solel congregation.

Through that casual purchase, Copland met pharmacist Barry Iseman who a few days earlier had spoken to Dr. Lester Krames. All three men realized the need of a Jewish presence in the growing suburb, now Canada's seventh largest city, with 300,000 people.

A few meetings followed, attended by a handful of people, including Bernie Weitzman, now president of Solel, and Ella Stoch, who has just stepped down after six years as principal of Solel's religious school. Her family moved in from Cornwall. The first president of Solel was Dr. Krames, a professor at Erindale College, who has since moved to Hamilton. Copland is the congregation's architect.

Now, Solel, with 190 families as members, is bursting at the seams, and has already outgrown its new synagogue on Erin Mills Parkway, opened only three years ago. A new wing is to be built, adding about 40% more space.

The religious school, which opened with a Sunday school class of 22 in 1973, now has 240 students and a staff of 38 teachers. The classes are held in the Pierre Laporte Community School on Council Wing Rd. and even the space provided by a recent portable addition to the school is required for Solel.



Mississauga's Solel Congregation draws members from as far away as Kitchener. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Reminiscing about that casual meeting in the pharmacy nine years ago, Copland, who had just moved to Mississauga from Ottawa, said: "We knew what we had to do since a Jew cannot live alone and cannot pray alone."

Fortunately for that fledgling community, Rabbi Larry Englander, of Toronto, then interning at Holy Blossom Temple, was introduced to the Mississauga group by Rabbi Gunther Plaut, and he became its spiritual leader. The name Solel (Pathfinder) was chosen for the new congregation.

Englander, then only 25, has been its rabbi from the beginning, and conducted its first High Holiday services in 1973 in space provided by Cadillac Fairview in the old Glen Erin Manor at the corner of Mississauga Rd. and No. 5 highway (Dundas St.).

Solel's first religious services, held alternately Friday evening and Saturday morning, were held in a wing of the old mansion, and continued there on a regular basis until its own building was opened on the eighth day of Chanukah, 1978. More than 600 people attended the High Holiday services there this year — a far cry from the 20 families who were at the first such services in 1973.

Commenting on the reason for adding a wing to its building, Solel's president Weitzman said: "We don't have the luxury of being able to say that we will close our membership. We are the only Jewish presence in the big region of Peel. We are a synagogue, a school and a social club. We have no choice but to take in as members the Jewish families who are moving into the area, or who already live here and decide they want Jewish identification."

Weitzman said the building originally cost $500,000 and the expansion, adding from 30 to 50% to its space, will provide desperately needed office and meeting space, larger quarters for its kosher kitchen, a youth lounge, a library, and perhaps even a permanent sanctuary. At present services are held in the large multi-pupose room with removable walls, of the one-storey building.

Weitzman and Les Rothschild are co-chairmen of the expansion building fund.

"Our growth is nothing short of phenomenal," Weitzman told The CJN. "We are adding about 25 families a year and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future."

About 40% of Solel's members come from outside the borders of Mississauga itself — from Burlington, Oakville and Bronte on the west, to Etobicoke and downtown Toronto on the east, and to Georgetown, Milton, Brampton, Bramalea and Downsview, to the north. One family comes to the High Holiday services from Kitchener. One of the out-of-town members is Nelson Zelding who has lived in Brampton for 19 years.

The average age of the parents in the Solel congregation is about 35, and a significant percentage work right in Mississauga, in managerial positions in industry, and as salesmen, teachers and other professionals. Some number commute to Metro Toronto for their jobs.

The Jewish families have tended to settle in the newly-developed areas of Mississauga, in the west section — for example, in Erin Mills, in Meadowvale to the north and in Clarkson and Homelands in the southwest.

Solel takes its obligation to all Jewish families in Peel seriously, Weitzman said, noting that the High Holiday services are open, without charge, to all Jews, whether or not they are members.

"There is a great spirit in our congregation," he went on. "They do a lot of work. There is an art auction every year. The Sisterhood and Brotherhood are very active."

When Rabbi Englander has to be away, the services are led by laymen who are members of its religious committee, and this practice goes back to its earliest days.

The Sunday school classes have been taught by members right from the beginning. They take part in a teacher training program with weekly sessions and also in professional development seminars. Even half the teachers of the twice-a-week Hebrew classes come from the membership. One grade 1 teacher is a university student who graduated from Solel's religious school.

The congregation has just hired Kathy Lane as a part-time principal of the school, while Ann Bobker is chairman of the education committee. Matt Lewis, who later became the second president of Solel, was the first principal of the school.

Peel group expects member increase as subdivisions attract professionals

BRAMPTON, Ont. — At one time small Jewish communities in Ontario had a core of members who were the merchants in town or otherwise engaged in trade.

But the pattern is different now. In Brampton-Bramalea, for example, the North Peel Jewish Association has 30 families as members and only one is a small businessman. The others are young professionals, including teachers, lawyers and accountants — most of whom work right in the area.

A significant increase in membership is expected by the NPJA as new subdivisions in the side-by-side communties Brampton and Bramalea fill up.

According to Abby Heitner, vice-president, there are already about 150 Jewish families in the Brampton region. "This is a very young community," she said, "and we find that as soon as their children reach school age the couples look around for a means of Jewish identification."

Another reason the association expects solid growth is that members are looking for land to build a synagogue and community centre and foresee the new facilities attracting more members.

The NPJA is now exploring formal affiliation with a religious movement and a decision is to be made in December. "The tendency of lifestyle among our members is toward the Reform group," Mrs. Heitner said. Any decision about the name of their congregation will also be made when affiliation is determined.

The association started a Hebrew school four years ago with Bette-Ann Goldstein and Gail Grossman being actively involved. The decision to start the school came after community members extended their social activities to include parties for the children at Chanukah, Purim, Succoth and other holidays.

The school is located in whatever space the members can scrounge or rent and at the moment the classes are held in three different locations, the Sunday ones at the Knightsbridge Community Centre and the mid-week classes for older children at a teacher's home in Bolton and in a community room in Bramalea.

This year there are 26 children registered. The teachers are professionals and the school is affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education in Toronto.

The first High Holiday services sponsored by the NPJA were held this year and last in space donated by the All People's Church, Bramalea. In 1980 they were conducted by a layman who came out from England for the purpose, Jack Wagman, father of a member. This year they were conducted by two members, Allan Turner and Fred Streiman. A Kol Nidre service in a private home this year was particularly rewarding.

All last year services were held one Saturday a month at the Brampton Day School, a private organization, which also donated the space. This year the once-a-month Sabbath services will be continued, but at the Knightsbridge Community Centre.

In setting up the religious program, the association received help from Rabbi Larry Englander of Solel congregation in Mississauga.

The NPJA includes one family from Bolton and two from Caledon. There is a new Hadassah chapter in the community as well.

The association publishes a monthly newsletter and this year is offering an adult education course for the first time, the subject being, "Everything you wanted to know about Judaism and were afraid to ask."

It raised funds with a carnival last year, selling a cookbook, holding a garage sale, and this year is receiving the revenue from 12 weeks admission to a local flea market. Proceeds from admission to the market are divided among local groups by one of the developers.

Peter Gelberger is president of NPJA and other executives are: vice-president, Abby Heitner; secretary, Miriam Devon; education, Esther Turner; treasurer, David Guilford; fund raising, Lawrie Bloom; membership, Susan Bloom; culture and religious, Bette-Ann Goldstein; building, Allen Gandell; social, Rosalie Streiman.

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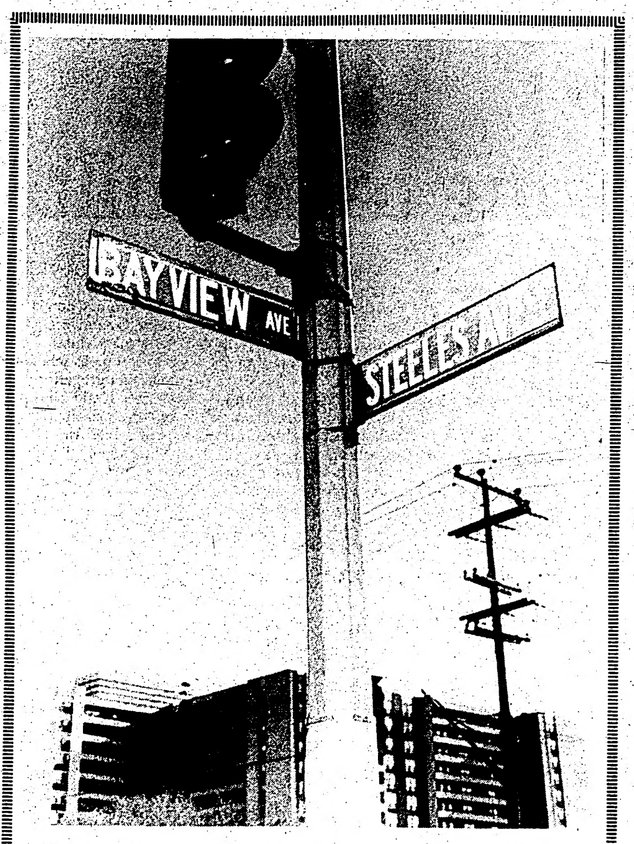

INTERSECTION

Markham-Thornhill begins here, at the intersection of Bayview and Steeles. The burgeoning north-east Jewish community already numbers more than 30,000.

Richmond Hill community starts to grow

RICHMOND HILL, Ont.— Their parents before them commuted from homes in suburban North York to jobs in downtown Toronto, but part of this generation is commuting from suburban homes in Richmond Hill to jobs in North York.

This is one reason the Richmond Hill Jewish community is growing (it now has 75 member families) and it is attracting new members from families moving into the Bathurst-Steeles area of neighboring Vaughan.

About half its membership now comes from Richmond Hill and Thornhill, part of which borders Richmond Hill, while there are two families from each of North York, Newmarket, King City, and Aurora.

"Most of our families are young professionals, between 25 and 35, who commute to jobs in North York," said Gary Winston, president of the Richmond Hill Jewish Community Synagogue which was first formed six years ago.

Among those who were active in establishing the most northerly synagogue in the Metro Toronto area were Don and Trish Gorber, Michael and Lydia Naftolin, Jack and Carol Abraham, Gary and Marion Mayzel and Helen and Bob Smolkin. Don Gorber and Bob Smolkin are former presidents of the synagogue.

The community is proud of its Hebrew school classes and is now affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. A total of 50 students attend classes from junior kindergarten to grade 4. The classes are held in rented space in the Richvale community centre on Carrville Rd., the first traffic light north of No. 7.

The school recently broadened its curriculum to include the study of Jewish culture and what it means to be a Jew in Canada. It has four teachers on the staff. Marilyn Burke is chairman of the 6-member board which operates the school. Among those active in getting the school going were Lydia Naftolin, Carol Abraham and Trish Gorber.

Garty Winston and his wife Terry, who is a member of the school board, are confident the Jewish community in Richmond Hill will grow rapidly and that there is an immediate potential of 200 families.

At present the community runs its High Holiday and other services in the Richvale Centre, led by Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf, of York University, its part-time rabbi.

But there are plans to erect a new synagogue and school on land tentatively set aside in the Hunter's Point subdivision where there is room for 350 families.

"We've spent too much love and time on our community to give up the idea of our own synagogue," said Terry Winston. "And we want to do it as soon as possible because people will take us a lot more seriously when we acquire a definite site."

When a study group met informally six years ago to discuss the idea of services and a Hebrew school, everyone was surprised at how many Jewish families were in the Richmond Hill area, Mrs. Winston said. Although at first most of the families were living in the development behind Hillcrest Mall, the families have now tended to scatter throughout the town.

The potential of its growth is illustrated by the increase in the number of people who attend the High Holiday services year by year. One man even comes all the way from Orillia.

Regular services are held every other Friday evening and Sabbath services, held once a month, are geared to the children.

Oldest Jewish resident in Markham is fiercely independent Marianne Grand

MARKHAM, Ont. — Marianne Grand, 80, is the oldest Jewish resident of Markham, and a fiercely independent woman she is. She lives alone in a big house on the main street, next to the post office ("the only house with a porch") which was once the manse of the Markham United Church.

Her parents, Simon and Emma Sauer, owned a 206-acre farm on the 10th concession, and she believes they were the first Jewish family to settle in the area.

Mrs. Grand is a survivor in the true meaning of the word. She and her husband, Arthur, arrived in Canada in 1940, refugees from Hitler, as were her parents and brother, Herman, who arrived a year earlier.

The Grands had to cool their heels in Shanghai for nearly a year before Canada agreed to admit them. (As Marianne Grand puts it, "Mackenzie King finally got tired of my sister-in-law's pleas and said 'let them in.' ") But her husband, parents and brother all died in the 1940s, after only a relatively short time in their new homeland, and Marianne has supported herself as a dressmaker, and lived alone, for the last 35 years.

At one time she was the only dressmaker in Markham and the front parlor of the old manse, where she received her customers, was a busy place. With her eyesight failing, she is no longer taking any orders, and her sewing machine is quiet.

But Marianne Grand is not the kind of woman to rock away the remaining years. She often takes a bus to Toronto to shop (it stops in front of her door), looks after her own garden, and visits back and forth with friends in Markham. She reads as much as her eyes will allow, especially newspapers and periodicals.

For 15 years she taught sewing at the night classes at Markham District High School and only gave it up after driving to the classes in winter became too much of a chore.

After her husband's untimely death in 1943, a government official told her she was eligible for a widow's pension, but Mrs. Grand told him: "When we came to Canada we agreed that we would not ask for public assistance and I'm not going to ask for it now."

It was a far different life which awaited the Grands when they came to Canada.

Arthur Grand was a designer of women's coats and suits in Berlin and contracted them out for manufacture. He also traveled extensively across Germany, selling his garments.

In Canada, his first job was looking after chickens, when they were taken on as a hired couple by a farmer living near her parents. (They were admitted to Canada on the condition they become farm workers.)

Then he got a job in a dairy washing bottles and the Grands moved to the village. At this time they supplemented their income by taking the unused skim milk from the dairy and making cottage cheese in their home. Cottage cheese was practically unknown to Canadians at that time, Mrs. Grand said.

When they first came to Canada, the Grands, along with her parents and brother would drive to Toronto to attend services at Holy Blossom Temple on the High Holidays. "They were the kind of services we were used to in Germany," she said.

Mrs. Grand continued to attend Holy Blossom on the holidays after the loss of her family. She was delighted when the Markham-Unionville Hebrew Congregation was formed and now attends its services as an honorary life member.

Though she admits their first year in Canada was "miserable," Mrs. Grand is in no way bitter about the experience and says she found farmers and village residents willing to help them. Their own family doctor, Dr. Innis MacDonald, was particularly helpful.

She drove until about a year ago when an accident on the main street did $1,400 damage to her car. As she is 80, she is now required to take an annual test to renew her license, and must go to Aurora, 26 miles away, for the test. This requirement, plus the accident, convinced her to sell the car "for practically nothing," and go public transit.

Mrs. Grand was born on her father's farm near a village in Westphalia. When asked if she had ever returned to Germany, she replied: "I'll never go where I was not wanted. Anyway, I could not travel, I had to work."

She recalled the extensive grilling they had from immigration officers when they arrived at Vancouver in 1940. "We only had 10 marks in our pockets. They were quite sarcastic about the fact we were going to Ontario to work on a farm.

Marianne Grand wants to live out her years in Markham, which she says, is still a friendly town, even though much bigger than it was. "I like it here. I don't want to move. I'm too old to change now and I have many friends here."

Eleven new congregations serve the expanding north

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — **The whole spectrum of religious identification is represented in the synagogues and temples serving the Jewish families who have moved into north-east and north-west Metro Toronto and beyond Metro boundaries.**

Among them are four Orthodox congregations, three Conservative, one Reconstructionist, two Reform and one which designates itself Conservative-Reform.

The most northerly Conservative congregation is the Richmond Hill Jewish Community Association which holds its services in the Richvale Community Centre on Carrville Rd., the first traffic light north of No. 7 highway. The congregation has not yet been able to obtain land for its own synagogue. It has services every Friday evening and once a month on Shabbat.

The new Conservative congregation in Markham, Shaar Shalom, on Simonston Blvd., has already outgrown its new synagogue, opened only 18 months ago, according to Meir Sharvit, president. Planning is under way for a new wing for the building to cost an estimated $500,000, he said, and fund raising activities are being studied.

Shaar Shalom has a membership of 160 families and was unable to seat any non-members in its sanctuary during the High Holidays. "We were so packed at Simchat Torah that you could hardly walk," said Sharvit. The Shabbat services are led by its new full time spiritual leader, Rabbi Robert Binder.

The largest Conservative synagogue in the north is Beth Tikvah on Bayview Ave. in North York which has 700 families as members. Its services are led by the new rabbi, Rabbi Robert Marcus. When Beth Tikvah was built 15 years ago it was the most easterly of the new synagogues in the north, but now it is on the western fringe of the north-east expansion which has spilled into Markham and Scarborough.

The Markham-Unionville Hebrew Congregation (Conservative-Reform) is the most easterly of congregations in the Metro area. It holds services, two Friday evenings a month, in the old Austin House on No. 7 highway between Kennedy Rd. and McCowan Ave., provided to it by JDS Developments. The Shabbat services are led by Charles Blum, religious co-ordinator.

Congregation Darchei Noam, a Reconstructionist group, has Shabbat services at B'nai B'rith House on Hove St. The congregation, which has 50 families as members, is the outgrowth of a study group started in Toronto nine years ago. It believes in full equality for women in services, including attendance at minyans. This year about 250 people attended its High Holiday services.

Rabbi Richard Hirsh, 27, of Long Island, N.Y., a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, will assume full-time duties as spiritual leader of the Toronto Congregation on Jan. 1. He has been commuting between Philadelphia and Toronto.

The only Reform congregation in Markham is Temple Har Zion on Bayview Ave., north of Steeles, which has a membership of 300 families. It was established 10 years ago and the second stage of its building program was completed in 1979. Its services are led by Rabbi Michael Stroh.

A Reform temple organized 25 years ago, Temple Emanu-El on Colony Rd. in North York, serves many families in the north-east sector. It combined with the Beth El temple in 1971. Services are led by Rabbi Arthur N. Bielfeld.

15 schools to meet needs

TORONTO — **A total of 15 schools, representing every ideological bent, has already been established to meet the needs of the Jewish families moving into new homes in North York, Markham and Vaughan.**

An Orthodox congregation, Ohalei Yoseph Yitzchak, operates two schools in Markham, one in German Mills public school on Simonston Blvd., and one in Thornlea Secondary School on Bayview Ave. It is also opening a third school in Vaughan, in a Lubavitcher trailer on Chabad Gate just north of Bathurst and Steeles.

The Leo Baeck Liberal Jewish Day School houses its elementary division in a portable at 130 Banbury Rd., formerly the Jeanne Lajoie French school. The primary division operates at Temple Emanu-El at 120 Old Colony Rd. One of the requisites for enrolment is that the family must belong to a synagogue or temple.

The northern branch of Associated Hebrew Day School is at 252 Finch Ave. W. at Bathurst St. It is hoped that its new building at Leslie and Steeles will be far enough along in September, 1982, to accommodate the elementary division, and that the following year the rest of the school will be ready.

Classes in the school operated by Shaar Shalom, a Conservative congregation on Simonston Blvd., are held in Zion Heights Junior High School on Leslie, south of Steeles, in North York.

The Richmond Hill Jewish Community Synagogue began its fifth year of Hebrew school classes in the Richvale Community Centre. Classes from kindergarten to grade 4, as well as bar mitzvah classes, are held.

The Markham - Unionville Hebrew Congregation has moved its classes to Austin House, on No. 7 highway, west of McCowan Ave. The school is now in its fourth year.

A total of 225 children are enrolled in the school at Temple Emanu-El on Old Colony Rd., in North York. It offers classes from kindergarten through grade 8 and pre-confirmation classes in grades 9 and 10, in addition to the confirmation classes.

The school operated by Temple Har Zion in Markham is housed in the A. Y. Jackson Secondary School in North York. The school offers a total Jewish education, with 10 years of religious school, and three hours of midweek Hebrew instruction for grades 4 to 7.

The United Congregational School is housed in McNicoll Public School in the Steeles-Don Mills area. It is operated as a united school of the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The Workmen's Circle operates a school in Finchurst Plaza on Finch Ave. It is the only Yiddish and Hebrew secular school in the area, according to Carl Langboard, school chairman.

The Bayview branch of United Synagogue Day School is housed in Beth Tikvah Conservative Synagogue.

The Beth Tikvah Hebrew School has a registration of 400 students, a slight decline over the previous year. Stephen Usprech, principal, attributed this to the same factors which are causing declines in public school enrolment, including a falling birth rate and high interest rates which discourage new family formations.

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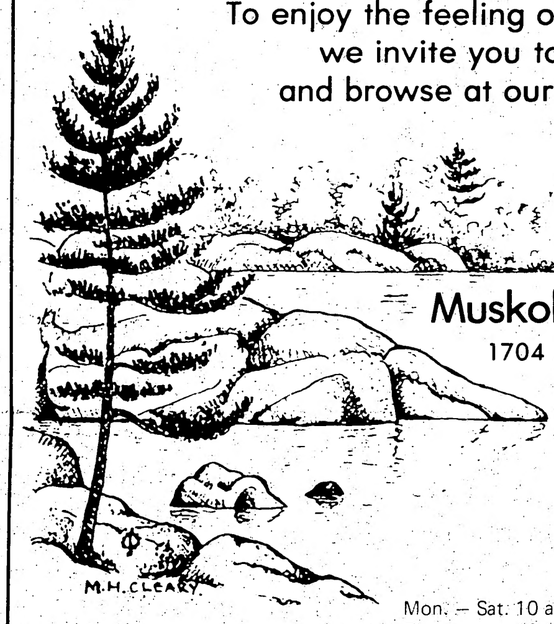

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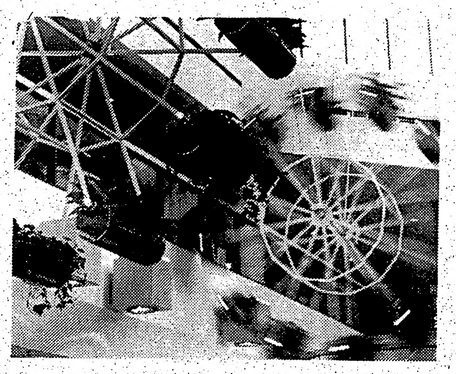

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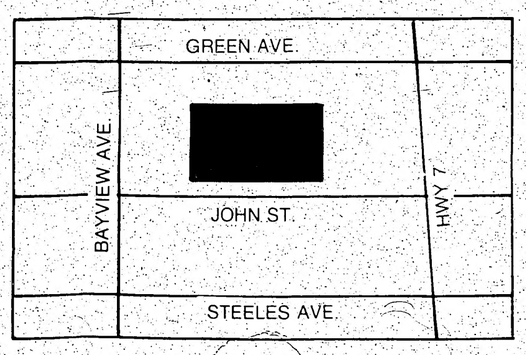

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Temple, mosque have lots in common—getting along like good neighbors should

TORONTO —

There is no "Gaza strip" between a Reform temple and a Shi'ite mosque which are neighbors and share their parking lots on Bayview Ave. north of Steeles.

"If there is any other such arrangement anywhere in the world I don't know about it," said Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion. "We are happy with it."

"It's working out just fine," said Sajjad Ebrahim, vice-president of the Mohammadi Islamic Centre.

A ramp between the two lots permits cars to move from one to the other, when necessary, as has been the case several times in the past year. The busiest time for the mosque is Thursday evenings.

It takes some advance planning by both sides to prevent a conflict on those occasions when an Islamic holiday or other special event falls on a Saturday, as it does from time to time.

Mayor Anthony Roman of Markham, the municipality in which the temple and mosque are located, says a good deal of credit should go to the planning staff of the city which foresaw potential traffic problems and required an agreement to share parking lots, access and exit routes.

The landscaped lots and extraordinary architecture of the two religious buildings form a pleasing view for motorists on busy Bayview Ave. The gleaming white pillars and dome of the mosque are more noticeable than the curving lines of the beautiful brick, glass and wood structure of the temple, hidden from the street.

To add even more interest to the location, only one block further south on Bayview is a Chinese Buddhist temple.

It was a Jewish architect, Ava Gordon, who designed the mosque, putting much research into the work.

Ebrahim hopes that the parking situation is only the first of a series of co-operative ventures between Temple Har Zion and the Mohammadi Islamic Centre. "On both sides our committees are made up of volunteers and we have not had time to sit down and look at other areas of co-operation," he said.

A start was made earlier this year when a group of children from the temple were given a conducted tour of the mosque next door. When the centre's Sunday school shifts to the Bayview location in a few months, Ebrahim expects that children of their members will be given a tour of the temple.

It was only a coincidence that the centre decided to build next door to the temple which had already completed one phase of its building when the centre broke ground. The centre was completed and dedicated Nov. 2, 1979.

The mosque is the only one in Metro Toronto actually built as one from the ground up, he said. Other buildings have been adapted as mosques in the city. The centre's membership, now at 1,500, continues to grow because of immigration from India.

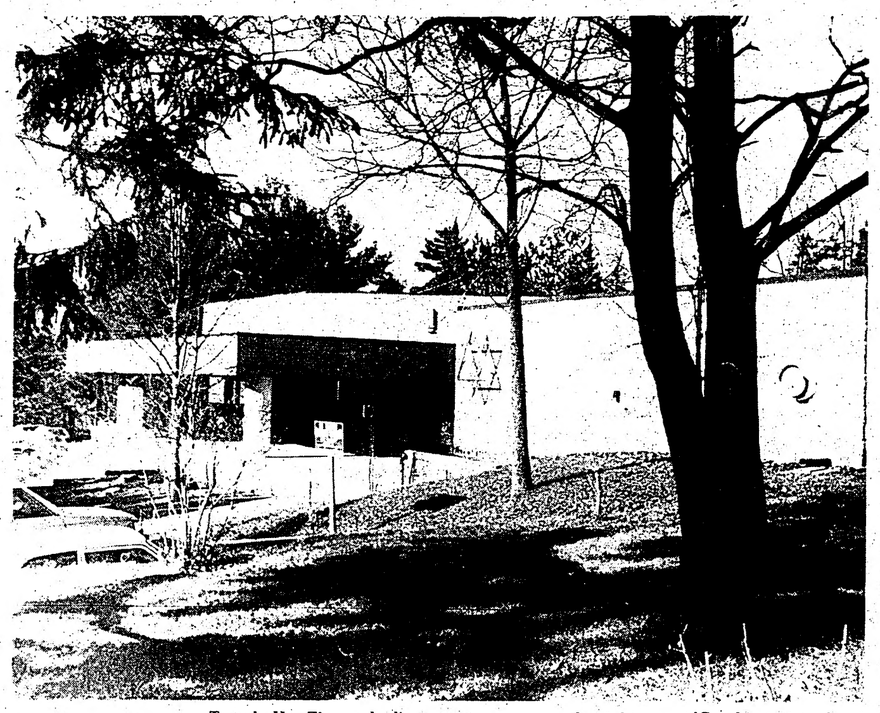
The main hall of the mosque is named Zainabia to honor the granddaughter of the prophet Zaynab. Over the side door, the words Masjid E. Shahe Khorasan appear. Masjid is an Arabic word for place of worship and from which mosque derives. Khorasan is an area of Iran where one of the 12 spiritual leaders of the faith is buried, an imam by the name of Ali Riza.

A new imam from Pakistan is coming to the centre in December, Ebrahim said, and as the new imam, Mr. Naqvi, speaks English, it portends the possibility of inter-faith dialogue between the two congregations. The centre's present imam (religious leader), Zakir Ebaqri, from India, speaks little English, and Rabbi Stroh told The CJN that this has inhibited discussions.

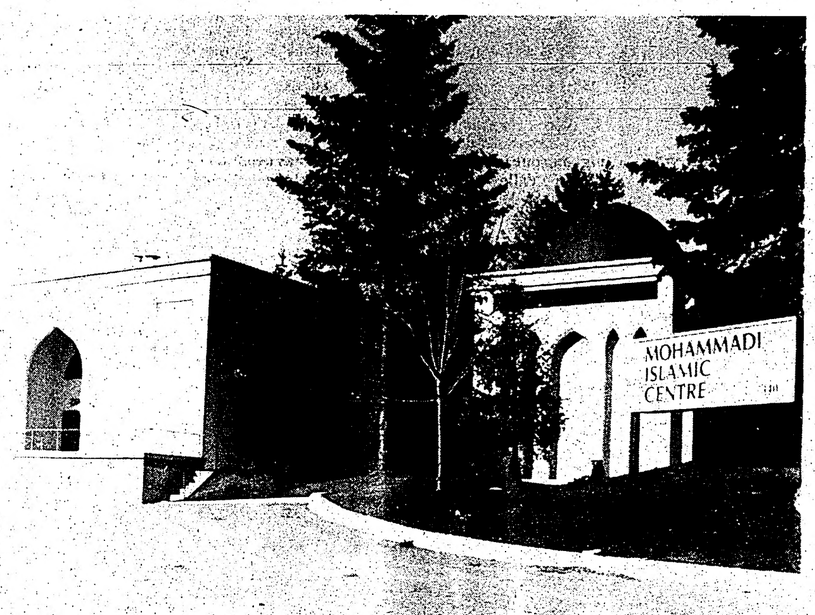
Congregants of the Islamic centre include many new Canadians from African countries such as Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique and Tanganyika, as well as Asian countries such as India and Pakistan. Some are from Middle East countries such as Iran and Lebanon. A large number of the centre's congregants are second and third generation Canadians.

"We are religious brothers," Mahmoud Ayub, a professor of Islamic and comparative religious studies at the University of Toronto, who is active at the Centre, told The CJN. "Our feuds are political feuds only. We are hopeful of a fruitful dialogue but we know it is difficult to achieve."

Rabbi Stroh, who has participated in informal inter-faith dialogue among individuals of the Judaic, Christian and Muslim faiths, hopes there are opportunities for future co-operation between the temple and the Centre. "We would like to pursue the relationship further," he said.



Temple Har Zion and adjacent mosque are good neighbors. [Graphic Artists photo]



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Mohammadi Islamic Centre, adjacent to Temple Har Zion, is focus of north Toronto's Moslem community.

Original shows at O'Neill's

By MURRAY MALKIN

Vladimir Burstein

TORONTO —

North York now has its first — and so far — only dinner theatre, O'Neill's, at 72 Steeles Ave. W., near Yonge.

The theatre opened fairly recently to serve not only North York but the exploding population north of Metro — thus saving the residents who are flocking into the area a long, long drive downtown.

Partners in the enterprise are Vladimir Burstein, Alexander Wolf and popular stage and nightclub star Sandra O'Neill (the gal with the longest legs in showbiz!).

Said Burstein, in an interview with The CJN: "We cater to family audiences. We're the only dinner theatre in the area and we've found there's a great need for it. Especially at a location like Steeles and Yonge."

Burstein, who came to Canada from Czechoslovakia, is the theatre's producer. He's been involved in show business, in one capacity or another, since he was 11.

He said that one of the main reasons the theatre was opened in this location is that "people want to be entertained, but they don't want to shlep from place to place. They don't want to go back downtown after a long day at the office.

"Here, they can have a quiet dinner, see a show and have a drink. People in this day and age don't want to run around . . . and since we have free parking for 300 cars, it's an attractive proposition to come here."

Before opening O'Neill's, Burstein was the owner of the Limelight Dinner Theatre, so he had a good deal of experience in the business. While at that theatre he produced 12 musicals. The shows at the Limelight were all Broadway hits, proven crowd-pleasers.

But at O'Neill's, there's a different entertainment policy. Burstein said he will produce original musicals with undiscovered talent. "You don't have to be a member of Equity to be good," he said.

The first show, "One Big Break or Mickey and Judy Rent a Barn," is about young people going into show business. It will run until the middle of January.

When one visits O'Neill's, it's hard to believe that only a few months ago, the building housed a disco and barber shop. It's now a glamorous theatre where the patron feels very comfortable. And that's important, because going for dinner and a show involves a lot of sitting — about four hours, to be exact, and if you want a nightcap before you leave, add another half hour or so.

Burstein said he has found the theatre patrons "love the atmosphere."

He doesn't "think it's risky putting on shows people haven't seen before. People love to see new things, and the whole idea of O'Neill's is to present new shows. In Europe, people love to see the old ones, the classics, but there's something exciting about discovering a new show."

Thornhill popular with single parents

Freelancer Nancy Kramer spoke with two single-parent families about their reasons for moving to a townhouse complex in Thornhill.

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By NANCY KRAMER

When the Kane family separated last winter, Judy Kane left her Cedarvale home to seek a new life for herself and two little boys. She chose Thornhill because of lower house prices and municipal taxes and because the wealth of community services offered an important quality to her family's new lifestyle.

Within a very short distance are the Thornlea and Thornhill Community Centres and the JCC Valley, all offering a wide range of seminars, courses and services for the entire family.

"We really use the services here," said Judy Kane. "I take tennis and swimming lessons at the Valley, am involved with courses at Thornlea and use the Thornhill Centre for day care and my son's fitness program," she said.

Fran Dalal also chose to live in Thornhill when her marriage ended last year. She rents a 4-bedroom townhouse on Royal Orchard Blvd. which comfortably houses herself, daughter Yardana, who is 4½, and her baby son, Yacov. Yacov is in day care at the Thornhill Community Centre, at Bayview and John, while Yardana attends a private school in North York because of a perceptual difficulty.

Fran, who operates the J and F Home Day Care Agency from a school at Don Mills and Finch, feels that the combination of social services makes Thornhill "a superior location" for single-parent families.

She is membership co-ordinator for the North-East Single Parent Group, a branch of the Jewish Community Centre — which, she feels, is "a great source of emotional support and strength."

Fran had started the J and F Agency before her separation and its location, teamed with the special school for Yardana, helped her decide that the Thornhill area would best meet her family's needs.

Both women said they feel safe in their new homes. "Maybe it is still a developing area, but people are definitely very friendly here," said Kane. She calls her townhouse development a "small town in itself because of the attitude of the people."

Judy is happy with the day care son Mark receives at the Thornhill Community Centre. Her older son, Allan, attends the Montessori school located at Bayview and Highway 7. "This area is a very positive thing for us; and although at first I was ambivalent about moving so far north, at this point I have no regrets," she said.

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JCC's Valley Centre becoming focal point for area residents

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — It's not unusual to see a raccoon ambling along beside your court at the Valley Tennis and Swim Centre on Leslie St. north of Steeles.

The 16 courts are in a magnificent country setting with parkland stretching to the north and a branch of the Don River winding lazily through the 14-acre property which is part of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

The courts themselves are grouped in sets of two and three at different levels and so well screened and landscaped that players have the feeling they are heading for a private court at the summer cottage.

But though it may look like a country club, and it was for seven years, the Valley has a different philosophy than your ordinary country club. According to director Paula Vine, it is no longer an exclusive club but open to all levels of the community and its current membership of 1,600 (1,100 tennis and 500 swim) attests to this.

It is not unusual for from 500 to 700 people to use its facilities every day on a summer weekend.

Paula Vine recalls that when it was a private club, no one under 10 years of age could be a member. Now the doors are wide open to children. A wading pool was built in April as well as a creative playground; and a new program, "Kids Kourt" for pre-schoolers, 2 to 5 years of age, was started and proved a boon for the many young couples who live in the area.

A total of 60 children enrolled in each of the three sessions of Kids Kourt, which included fitness, swimming, arts and crafts and recreational play. It is not a baby-sitting service, for parents have to be on the grounds at all times, though they may be on the courts or in the pool. It proved so popular that the JCC northern branch on Bathurst St. will offer a Kids Kourt for the first time next year.

The Valley is not only one of the largest tennis facilities in Metro Toronto but compares favorably with the best tennis clubs in Canada.

Though things quieten down at the Valley when the snow falls, and tennis racquets are put away, it does not shut up shop. It is used for some winter special events and programs by the North-East branch of the JCC and the possibility of offering a wider range of programs under the joint sponsorship of the Valley and the N-E branch is being explored.

In its second year just ending, the Valley attracted 100 more members than in the first, and the swim membership was full by April 1. The pool does not go beyond a depth of 5 feet but does afford the opportunity to swim lengths. As well, swimming lessons to the intermediate level are offered.

Another new program at the Valley in 1981 was the junior tennis academy which provided highly intensive instruction off-court and on-court five days a week, for four weeks, for 15 boys and girls, ages 10 to 16. It offered fitness, court strategy, and tournaments to encourage a higher calibre of play for the juniors. Vine says this will likely be offered again in 1982.

The chance to improve their tennis skills is not overlooked for the adult members, either. There are highly popular club tournaments which attracted more entrants this year, and, in addition, the Valley entered four teams in an inter-county league. They traveled as far as Unionville and Richmond Hill and carried the Valley colors to positions ranging from second to fourth in the league.

One ladies' team played in the A league, and one in the B, while one mixed team was in an A grouping, and one in a C league.

One Valley member, Michael DeJesus, is ranked No. 16 in all of Ontario in the under 16 category. Another Mike Sved, is ranked in the under 18 division.

Winners of the club tournaments this year: men's singles, Shelley Green; women's singles, Debbie Richmond; men's doubles, Azril Rom and Godfrey Traub; ladies doubles, Debbie Richmond and Sonia Leistner; junior mixed, under 18, Roger Yue; junior mixed, under 14, Mark Shapiro; men's B champion, Ralph Goodman.

Robyn Beder, 13, who only started to play the game this year, fought her way to the finals of the Scarborough Junior Open, but had to default in the finals when she was injured.

A committee is in the process of establishing permanent trophies for the winner of Valley club tournaments. One will be named the Jerry Etkin Memorial Trophy to honor an active member of the club who was killed in an accident on the Don Valley Parkway. Two of his sons, Jordan and Brett, and a daughter, Debbie, are members of the Valley.

There are no plans for indoor courts at the Valley, Vine said, as there is no space for them, and no consideration is being given to putting a bubble over any of the present courts. However, a proposal to bubble four courts at the Northern Branch for indoor play is under preliminary investigation, but no decision has been made.

The construction of a new building on the grounds of the Northern branch for the Toronto Jewish Congress will curtail play on the Northern tennis courts in 1982, Vine said. The practice courts and one or two of the regular courts will be needed for the building site. In addition, during construction, play may be limited on the other courts because of dust and truck movements.

She added that there will continue to be tennis at Northern when the TJC building is finished and a committee has been struck to plan a joint tennis program for the Valley and Northern and to improve facilities at both places.

At any rate, Vine sees no evidence that interest in tennis had peaked, as some people claim. "We've had a lot of people join who are playing tennis for the first time in their lives and our courts have been heavily used this year. We had to extend the hours of play to 11 p.m. under the lights and though we don't staff the building until 8 o'clock, there are people out on the courts by 6.30 a.m.

"Quite often, all the courts are being used between 8 and 10 a.m."

Some members of the Valley live in Richmond Hill, Unionville, Maple and Mississauga, and play there because it is close to their work. The excellence of the layout also attracts many players who have memberships at other clubs.

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JCC's tennis and swim facilities are well used by residents in the area.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

The Chetners — Eileen, Hartley, Jonathan and Joe — thrive in Richmond Hill.

Distance brings them closer

By RONA ARATO

When Joe and Eileen Chetner moved to their new home on the northern fringe of Richmond Hill, their friends thought they were crazy.

Joe and Eileen also had doubts, their main fear being isolation from the Jewish community. But the lure of living in the country was strong and they decided to give this new lifestyle a try. Now, two years after leaving the clamor and congestion of the city, they couldn't be happier. "If anything, we're more involved in the Jewish community than ever," states Eileen, a vivacious woman in her early 30s.

"We've been lucky," her husband Joe adds. "We've met four or five couples who belong to our synagogue and who live within a few miles of us and we've become close friends."

"Up here," Eileen adds, "four miles makes you a neighbor. However, we don't have any Jewish families right around us and that may become a problem as the kids get older."

Joe, a lawyer who works at Yonge and Eglinton, says that driving in the winter is a bit of a problem, but aside from the month of February, it doesn't bother him. "We moved here because we could never have gotten a a place like this on a wooded lot in the city," he explains.

The Chetner home, a spacious, 2-storey brick house, sits nestled in the curve of a quiet crescent, its backyard sloping gently to meet a tree-filled ravine.

As the Chetners were the first family to move on to their street, they had a bit of pioneering to do. Eileen remembers those early days as lonely, a state which fortunately did not last very long. "We're very close with our neighbors," she smiles. "Up here you tend to rely more on each other and that makes for good relationships."

The Chetners are active members of Beth Tikvah Synagogue and find that, if anything, they're more involved now than they were before their move. "You have to make a conscious effort to be Jewish here," Eileen explains. "I'm more organized now and because things aren't as easy, they've become more meaningful."

Joe remembers growing up in Calgary when it was still a small town. "We had a very active Jewish community in Calgary and living here reminds me of those days. I get the same sense of a sincere approach to feelings, commitment and lifestyle that I had as a child," he says, adding that many of the Jewish families who live in the area tend to be fairly observant.

Commitment to Judaism goes back a long way with Joe and Eileen, who first met in Pennsylvania, while attending a B'nai B'rith leadership conference. After their marriage they spent three years in Vancouver, then moved to Toronto. The Chetners have two boys, Hartley, 6, and Jonathan, 3 months. Hartley attends Beth Tikvah Congregational School and is enrolled in a public school in Thornhill.

The Chetners' concern for the future lies mainly in finding Jewish friends for their children as they grow. "Being realistic," Eileen concedes, "we know that we may eventually have to move closer to the city, unless the make-up of this neighborhood changes quite a lot."

For now, however, the Chetner family is enjoying country life. Their active involvement in the Toronto Jewish community, coupled with the relaxation of the life they've established in Richmond Hill, gives them the best of both worlds, city opportunities and a country environment.

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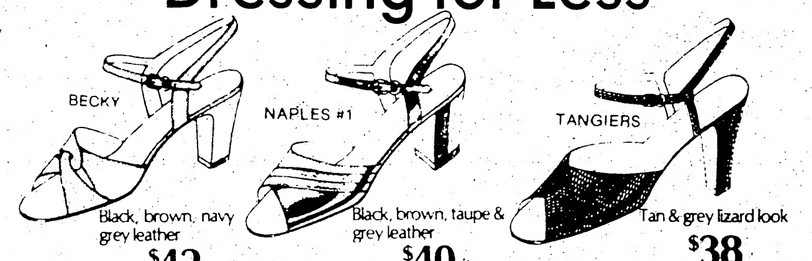

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New cemetery is located in Town of Vaughan.

Pardes Shalom is on Vaughan property - may be first community cemetery

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Pardes Shalom is an 89-acre property of rolling land in Vaughan which is not only the largest Jewish cemetery in the Toronto area but may be the first community cemetery of its kind in the world.

The concept of Pardes Shalom (Garden of Peace) is that no profit should be made in the operation of a cemetery, and that it be open to any Jewish family, whether or not affiliated with a synagogue or fraternal society.

Any family not able to afford a plot is given five years to pay, after a 30% down payment, without interest.

A price of $375 per lot was set to match the lowest price available in any other Jewish cemetery in the area. But Sidney Freedman, president, told The CJN that the fee will need to increase in June, 1982, to cover higher operating costs and interest charges being incurred by Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park, which operates Pardes Shalom.

It was Freedman, along with Benjamin Schneider, then executive director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, who did the pioneering groundwork to get the project started. This was back in 1965. Freedman was then president of Temple Sinai, which needed additional land for burials.

It was not until Sept. 1, 1977, that the first burial took place in Pardes Shalom. (Shirley Ann Lister, of Temple Sinai.) Since then 262 others have been buried there. In the interval, many bridges had been crossed and many obstacles overcome.

The cemetery is on the east side of Dufferin St., 1¼ miles north of Major Mackenzie Drive, south of Maple Downs Golf Club. From the road it looks more like a park than a cemetery, since none of the headstones are visible — as a result of the contour of the land and the landscaping.

The next step is to build a chapel and a set of gates leading into the cemetery.

Only 15 acres have been developed and made ready for burials so far. But in the long run, Ben Schneider believes Pardes Shalom will meet the needs of the Jewish community for the next 75 years.

The property, which was once a partially developed gravel pit, was purchased in 1970 after long negotiations by Freedman for $3,000 an acre, or a total of $267,000. Under terms of the sale, after a down payment was made, the balance of the principal was not repayable for 10 years. In the interim, Pardes Shalom was responsible only for the interest.

But it cost $400,000 to develop the 15-acre sector, including regrading, cutting and shaping of hills, building of roads, drainage, removal of some 6,000 trees, and replanting of others. In addition, since the site was purchased, the operation has incurred $250,000 in compound interest charges on debt.

Without the help of the Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, and other communal groups, Pardes Shalom would be just a good idea that never got off the paper. (In fact two abortive attempts were made to get the cemetery started without UJWF backing.) The Endowment Fund loaned the cemetery money at 10% interest and provided other backup services, as it still does. The THMP, which owes the Endowment Fund more than $600,000, will not be able to pay off any of the indebtedness until next year.

But Pardes Shalom has the money in the bank to pay off the $208,000 mortgage when it comes due next year and not too far down the road a break-even point is in view.

Also, at a critical point, when broad community support had to be shown to the government, six communal groups put up $2,500 each. They were Temple Sinai, Holy Blossom Temple, Judean Benevolent and Friendly Society, Temple Emanu-El, Adath Israel and Beth Tikvah Congregations. Later, the same organizations, except Holy Blossom, loaned $25,000 each to Pardes Shalom, against which they were given sections of burial land. (Holy Blossom had withdrawn from THMP because it had no need for additional cemetery land.)

It took three years to complete all the negotiations required which included obtaining a license to operate a cemetery from the Ontario ministry of consumer affairs and approval of rezoning the property from Vaughan council.

On neither of these fronts, Freedman recalled, were the negotiations a simple matter. The ministry already had 5,000 abandoned cemeteries on its hands, and a history of dealing with groups which bought land for cemeteries, disappeared with trusteeship funds, or refused easement across the land. "We had to convince the provincial government that we did in fact truly represent the Jewish community as a whole," Schneider said. Also, the ministry had to be shown that there would be funds for perpetual care of the graves.

On the Vaughan council side, municipalities are never keen on granting cemeteries the use of land because of the loss of tax revenue and the protests which come from residents who don't like a cemetery for a neighbor.

"It was touch and go at times because of the protests of some neighbors," Freedman said, "but in the end it was approved." Pardes Shalom agreed to pay taxes at the agricultural rate on that portion of the property not being used in the first phase for cemetery purposes.

Pardes Shalom is an unusual cemetery in many respects. Small plaques are affixed to huge rocks to denote the various sections. The rocks were found on the property and moved to the desired places. There are permanent foundations for the stones built like an underground wall, below the frost level. This, in the opinion of architect Martin Mendelow, one of the directors, should prevent any toppling of stones.

The property includes several ravines, a stream and a low-lying area not too far from the road which may lend itself to development as a scenic pond. The ravines will be left in their natural state, Freedman said, and in fact about half the property will never be used for graves. He estimates that the 15 acres already developed will be enough for the next 20 years.

Mendelow said the guidelines on headstones permit some diversity in size and material, but there are restrictions to prevent the erection of any stones which would dwarf those arond it by size or design. On the other hand, if the family does not want a stone, this wish is respected.

There is a section each for Orthodox, Conservative and Reform adherents, and in addition there is a community section. The latter is where most burials have taken place up to now.

The principles of halacha are observed, Schneider said, and no unconverted person may be buried there. At every stage of development, he added, the Orthodox rabbis were consulted.

It is expected that in the future, when present land at Dawes Rd. is used up, the chevra kaddishim will use plots in Pardes Shalom for free burials.

In addition to the five groups which came into the project at the beginning, the following have also purchased lots: B'nai Torah, Solel Congregation of Mississauga, Maramoresher Society, Shedlic Lukow Club, Temple Har Zion, Toronto Grand Order of Israel, and Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith.

Other members of the board of directors are: Michael Benjamin, Peter Fischer, Irwin Gold, Phil Granovsky, Milton E. Harris, Jack Kosoy, Louis Lockshin, Samuel Sable, and Harry Steiner, (all representing the Toronto Jewish Congress); and David Block, Grand Order of Israel; Alan Dessau, Temple Har Zion; Harry Elkind, and Saul Wainberg, Adath Israel; Charles Goldsbie, Temple Sinai; Earl Kogon, Judean Benevolent and Friendly Society; Joseph Lazar, Maramoresher Society; Ronald Nefsky, Temple Emanu-El; Harvey Poch, Bnai Torah; Howard Rose, B'nai B'rith; Isaac Silverstein, Beth Tikvah (treasurer); Nelson Zelding, Solel Congregation.

Many fashion stores take retail space in centres opening in north-east

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Upcoming shopping centres in the north-east quadrant of the city have devoted much of their retail space to fashion stores.

The first phase of Markham's newest shopping plaza, Markville, slated to open in March at the north-west corner of McCowan Rd. and Highway 7, will have over 140 stores and services, and a little under half have been designated fashion centres.

This 2-level enclosed mall, will be anchored in its first phase (500,000 square feet), by the Eaton's and Woolco department stores, Miracle Food Mart and four Famous Players theatres.

Markville's leasing agents have not yet released the names of the fashion stores, but they report that about 60% of them will be chain stores, and the other 40% will be independents. These shops will appeal mostly to the 16- to 50-year-old age bracket, the predominant age group in the community.

The 62-acre shopping centre, developed by JDS Investments, is part of an overall 183 acre multi-use development that will include residential areas, office complexes, a hotel, school and parklands. The second portion of the mall (another 350,000 square feet) will be ready within three to five years, said a project co-ordinator for Markville, and could include another department store.

Several other fashion stores will move into the McCowan Rd.-Highway 7 region within the next two years — for instance, Willy Wonderful, which carries clothes for men, women and children.

Selma Rotman, sales manager of the store, said Willy Wonderful's president has decided to go to McCowan Rd.-Highway 7 because of the growing community there.

North of Markham, in Richmond Hill, there have been no major upcoming regional or community shopping centres, according to Clarence Cheung, of Richmond Hill's planning department, but he mentioned that one neighborhood plaza and a few stores will open up in Richmond Hill by June of next year.

In Vaughan, the planning department reports that a major regional centre, presently proposed at the south-west corner of Bathurst St. and Highway 7, will be part of the new Thornhill-Vaughan community. The land is already owned by seven or eight developers, said Steven Llewyln, long range planner for the town's planning department, but the project is not on stream yet.

According to Llewyln, the site will be developed within 10 years, and the shopping centre will include at least one department store and several fashion shops.

Half a dozen small, open neighborhood malls are opening within the next two or three years, he added. They include a multi-retail store and office centre at the north-west corner of Bathurst and Steeles and the Concord project at the north side of Glen Shields Ave. and west of Dufferin.

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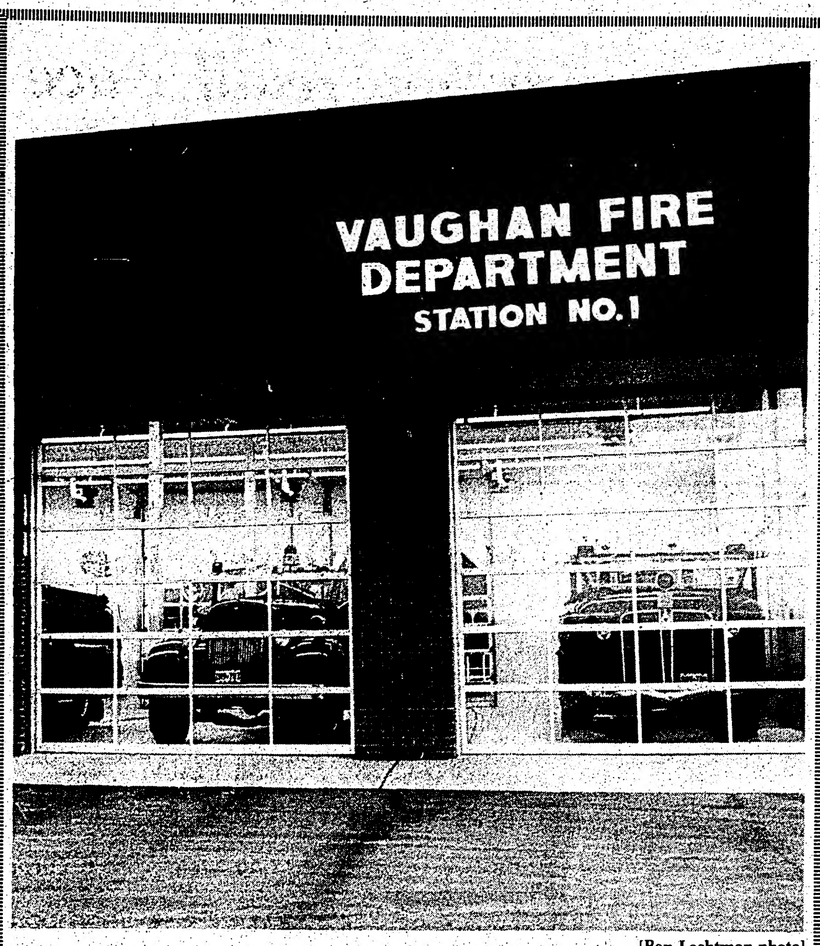

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A new fire station has opened to serve the Bathurst-Steeles development area in Vaughan.

Art galleries blossom in suburbs

By MARSHA EINES

MARKHAM, Ont. — In Toronto's core, the art gallery business blossoms like ripe fruit trees. But north of Steeles, where many real trees bloom, you can count the galleries on one hand.

The area that comprises the town of Markham and the municipalities of Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Unionville is large — yet many residents of these communities travel long distances so that they may pick from the big art crop — in the city.

Some city dwellers seem to feel that suburbanites do not appreciate art the way they do, that they cannot or will not invest in art. Yet most of the gallery owners and artists north of Toronto I spoke with recently agreed that a market for art exists in their areas. Many of their patrons, they said, have sophisticated tastes and the money to spend on works of art.

Georgie Bremner, manager of Northland Galleries in Markham, said she doesn't understand why there aren't more galleries in the area. The gallery, which specializes in limited edition prints, has been successful, she said. "I don't see any reason why a good gallery wouldn't be."

Bremner's business began as a fluke. She and her husband, Paul, opened a gallery on Kennedy Rd. which sold prints of European art. "You know the kind, you get 28 for $97. We decided we wanted to get into a better form of art."

At first, she said, running the business was "scarey . . . I was feeling my way blindly."

Soon, however, sales picked up enough to allow her to open a second gallery in Pickering. She opened the Markham location 3½ years ago. Business is so good that she would like to expand.

Running a limited-editions gallery offers some protection, Bremner said, because she sells celebrated artists such as Robert Ross, Robert Bateman and George Maclean.

Clients feel that they are making a purchase that will rise in value.

She is also protected because she specializes in one type of art. "No one would open across the street with the same product," she said. "And the people who distribute the prints try to protect their clientele."

One reason why running her gallery interests Bremner is the wide range of people it attracts. "I get people from all walks of life. Young married people, business people, professionals, young kids." Many are as young as 14 15, she said. "It freaks me. They put down payments on a work as a gift for their parents."

Bremner said that, surprisingly, inflation has not affected business. "People have lost their homes in the inflation scare. But maybe paintings are a bright spot for people. They give pleasure."

Prints range from $200 to $500 at Northland Galleries, located on Main St.

The Hunter Gallery is right across the street from Northland but built in a dramatically different style. The 1835 building has dark wood paneling, baseboards and a huge picture window. Its two storeys contain four large high-ceilinged rooms.

Elizabeth Pickering, a former art teacher, bought the gallery from John Hunter six years ago because she loved it and the surrounding old buildings. The name of the gallery stuck because Hunter was a respected dealer.

While Pickering enjoys her work, she said it is not the most lucrative. "You don't open an art gallery to make your fortune. It's not a consumer business like the dress trade. Dresses wear out, but a painting? I mean, people have bought as many as four paintings for their house, but how long can you go on like that?"

Pickering, who lives in Mississauga, said that Markham people can both appreciate and afford art. "Markham has the highest income per capita in Canada. There's a lot of new industry here and a lot of people who work in Toronto."

Most of the paintings sold in her last show went at $395, Pickering said, which proves the affluence of some residents. Pickering said she finds local residents more discriminating and knowledgeable about art than they were several years ago.

Still, she acknowledged that the lure of abundant galleries downtown attracts many potential customers. "Downtown, modern art is the thing. I like to promote (more traditional) Canadian art because I understand it."

"There's so much to paint in Canada," Pickering said, glancing at the walls. Her varied landscapes and architectural work come from all over the country. A misty nostalgia, shot through with flashes of vibrant colors, characterizes Jack Reid's tugboats and waterscapes. Elaine Fleming's Calgary watercolors create a wide open feeling, and Guy Lalonde's Quebec drawings are intricate.

Some of the gallery's most appealing pieces come from Ontario, such as the fall and winter scenes of Colebrook Keirstead and Rudolph Stussi's "House on Highway 7." Most of Pickering's choices are staunchly representational, yet refreshing.

The price range at the Hunter Gallery is $10 to $800, the average being $250.

Gwen Williams, owner of the Dawn Gallery in Unionville and a resident, recognized that people "were traveling far and wide" to buy art, so she set up shop there to make things easier for residents.

Williams concentrates on landscapes by Canadian artists and native art. Her shop has three rooms: one for originals, by artists such as Lee Walsh, Kathleen Kentin and David Greeves; one room for prints and one for original prints.

Williams chose Unionville for the gallery because "it is, quite simply, a beautiful little town, a beautiful setting, with all the quaint shops and houses." She is not a lone art seller since many antique shops devote sections to art.

Williams said her clients are "special" because they are "browsers." City dwellers are often in a hurry to shop, she said, but people who visit her gallery "spend time looking, admiring. And like talking to people."

Williams dismissed the notion that rural people are not art collectors. "I don't believe in classing people. People here aren't poor. And they have very fine judgment when it comes to selecting art."

Selling well known artists keeps her in business, said Williams. "The longer you have an artist's work, the more people become interested in that artist." She cited Enid Reed, who painted portraits of her clients when they were just children, and now paints their children. Reed is popular for her bright watercolors of local scenes. Dorothy Clark McClure, who sketches with a historian's attention to detail, is also a big seller.

Bridal fashions sell well in north-east sector of city

By TAMMY KAROL

MARKHAM, Ont. — Despite the current attitude towards marriage, weddings seem to be very much in when you get up into the north-east sector of Metro Toronto and beyond. At least that's what's indicated by the large number of bridal salons which serve the area.

Over a dozen bridal salons are located in Markham, two of which include Patricia's Bridal Wear, on 15 Main St. (corner of Highway 7 and Highway 48), and Kevel Fashions, at Markham Place, Don Mills and Steeles. Customers come from North York, Markham and Richmond Hill.

Patricia's Bridal Wear, in operation for 17 years, has a full line of bridal, mother of the bride, and bridesmaid gowns, in addition to flower girl dresses, and going away outfits.

The 3-year old Kevel Fashions store carries a large selection of Canadian-made headpieces and gowns for the bride, bridesmaid, mother of the bride, and mother of the groom. Bridal dresses range in price from $175 to $500. There are five other Kevel Fashions Ltd. stores in Toronto.

Aurora has two bridal fashion shops, both of which have opened within the past two years.

The first, Elmwood Brides, 124 Yonge St. S., occupies the top floor of an old rustic house which was built in 1873. Original owner of the house was the son of a Pennsylvania Quaker. Richard Allen Photography operates from the ground floor, which is graciously decorated in Victorian period antiques.

Elmwood Brides has traditional and contemporary bridal gowns from Canadian manufacturers like Nuna Barron or American designer Alfred Angelo. They retail from $250 to $700, and come in fabrics such as jersey, chiffon, crepe georgette or satin.

According to store manager Susan Roddy, chiffon and satin wedding gowns have been popular sellers this year. "Wedding styles haven't changed that much," she said, "but they are more elegant than before, and not so fussy." Roddy said she has customers from Barrie, King City, Richmond Hill and Aurora, along with an increasing number of Jewish clientele from the Thornhill area.

Elmwood Brides also sells parasols and lingerie. Stationery and wedding cake can be ordered from the store, in addition to Freeman Formal Rentals tuxedos.

Aurora's second bridal salon, Wedding Belles, at 74 Yonge St. S., draws its clients from many of the same northern suburbs as Elmwood Brides. "But we've also had people from as far as Thunder Bay," said Audrey Belyea the store's manager.

Wedding Belles has a big collection of Canadian-made bridal gowns but they are slightly lower in price than those at Elmwood Brides. Dresses retail from $250 to $500. The store sells bridal hats, pillows for wedding rings, gloves, and dresses for flower girls, too. Wedding invitations and cakes can be ordered through Wedding Belles and can be obtained through a local stationery shop and baker.

One of Newmarket's leading bridal stores is Ravel Bridal Salon, which was formerly called House of Brides. Since 1963 this shop at 78 Main St., has carried dresses for brides, mother of bride, mother of groom, and flower girls, along with a large selection of hats, slippers, silk flowers, and ordered stationery. Bridal gowns range in price from $150 to $580, and are made by such Canadian fashion houses as House of Richman, Gordon Dress, and Party Time. Hats cost anywhere from $45 to $149.

Bridal fashions are available as well in small independent stores or large malls in Markham, Richmond Hill, Newmarket and Aurora. In Barrie, brides-to-be and their families can shop at Greenwood Bridal Salon.

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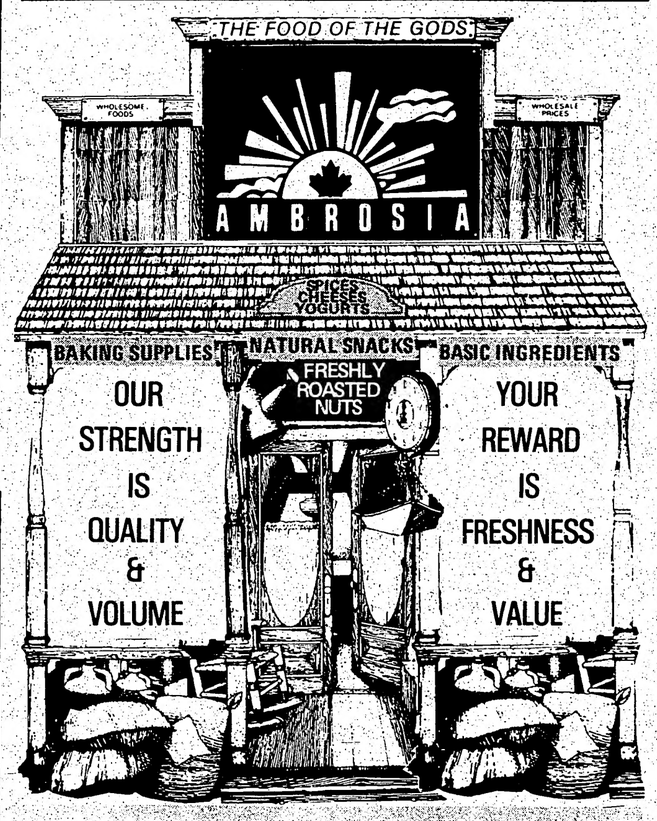

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Our Expanding Community

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Thornhill Square opened two months ago at the intersection of Bayview and John, in Markham. It has more than 65 stores and services, and three Odeon Theatre cinemas.

New shopping centres attracting branch stores

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Downtown-based fashion and department stores have followed the influx of new residents to Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill, by establishing branch stores north-east of Metro.

In Markham's Thornhill community, Markham Place and Thornhill Square shopping centres provide some 30 fashion stores. Most cater specifically to the young families who have moved into Thornhill.

Markham Place, a regional shopping centre, at Don Mills Rd. and Steeles, which services Markham and other northern communities, has over 45 stores and services, a third of them being fashion centres. For the under-35-year-old age group, there are clothing shops like Thrifty's, Jean Junction, and Little Lords and Ladies — strictly a children's store. Other clothing shops include Fairweather and Irene Hill, for women, and Tip Top Tailors and H. Halpern Esquire for men.

The plaza was built in 1977, and is owned by Markham Market Place, a consortium of its managing partner, Trizec Equities. Trizec also developed Yorkdale Shopping Centre and Scarborough Town Centre.

Two-month old Thornhill Square, at John St. and Bayview, is larger than Markham Place, with over 65 stores and services, but is known as a community shopping centre since its trading area is concentrated primarily in Thornhill-Markham. Most of its 15 fashion stores, in the middle to high price range, are small independent shops, which can't be found in other malls. Besides women's clothing shops there are two or three men's stores, two jewelry stores, four shoe stores, and two kids' stores: Kids World and Buster Brown Shoes.

The 270,000 square foot mall includes two levels of stores in the main section of the centre, such as K-Mart and Dominion, along with a 6-storey office tower and three Odeon Theatre cinemas. Developer of the centre, the Eaglebrook Group, recently relocated headquarters to the top floor of the office tower.

Leslie Kert, vice-president of industrial and commercial development at Eaglebrook, told The CJN that the mall is "integral to the community" because there's no other major centre in Markham besides Markham Place. The location is important, he said, because it's in the "hub" of Thornhill, and people can interrelate with the Thornhill community centre next door, which was built 10 years ago.

Many young people, especially in the Jewish community are moving to Markham, according to Kert, because of good schools, cheaper housing and a prosperous township.

He maintains that it is favorable to build in the area because of the increasing commercial and industrial developments there, and noted that major companies like IBM and American Express have either relocated or added offices in Markham.

Thornhill Square is Eaglebrook's first major shopping centre, but the group has been active in residential land development in Markham — for instance at the subdivision known as Rayermerville, at McGowan Rd. and Highway 7.

According to Selma Rotman, sales manager of Willy Wonderful, a family clothing store in Thornhill and other Toronto suburbs, the migration to the north-east sector of the city has soared over the past five years. Sales in Willy Wonderful's Thornhill store, opened in 1977, have doubled over the past two years, she said.

Rotman told The CJN that 60% of Willy Wonderful's customers in the Thornhill store are Jewish, and are mainly women between the ages of 25 to 35, who have young children. Because the store attracts the young community in Thornhill, bomber jackets and knickers are "meat and potatoes" merchandise, Rotman explained, along with snowsuits and jogging clothes for children.

In Unionville, the furthest eastern community in Markham, there are no major regional or community shopping centres but the area has several fashion stores for women on Main St., like Whiskers, or the more middle-of-road priced Union Mills Casuals.

North of Markham, in Richmond Hill, the major regional centre, Hillcrest Mall, services the Thornhill, Richmond Hill, King City and Maple communities — many of which also have young families.

The 7-year-old centre, developed by Cadillac Fairview on Yonge St., (first traffic light north of Highway 7) has over 103 stores and services, with children's shops such as Young Canada Shop and Three Little Pigs. Major stores include K-Mart, Zeller's, Dominion, Simpsons, Sears and Marks and Spencer. There are also about a dozen fashion stores for women, like J. Michaels Ladies Wear, Braemar, Reitman's, Shirley K Maternity and Fairweather, and four men's clothing shops: Jack Fraser, Elk's Men's and Boy's Wear, Tip Top Tailors and Tie City.

A few independent fashion centres also operate at the 15-store Richmond Heights Plaza, on Yonge St. north of Major Mackenzie Drive, in Richmond Hill.

The major regional centre north of Richmond Hill is the Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket, which also attracts some residents of Richmond Hill. The mall's 64 stores and services, developed in 1974 by Cambridge Leaseholds, a member of the Oxford Development Group, include over half a dozen women's apparel shops like Irene Hill and Reitman's.

There's also Today's Child toy store and the Young Canada Shop for kids, five men's stores and department stores such as Sears and Marks and Spencer.

The Town of Vaughan has no regional or community shopping centres, but there are half a dozen small open malls like the Maple Plaza at the southwest corner of Netherford Rd. and Major Mackenzie Dr., with a few grocery shops and small clothing stores.

Fashion centres are also located on the border between Thornhill and North York. Skymark Place, a plaza in the Don Mills-Finch area, has two clothing stores: the Bloor St.-based Cherchez, and Intimate Feelings (lingerie).

There are several other fashion shops like Betty Kestenberg at Wycliffe Plaza, at Bathurst and Steeles, and Fairweather and The Bay at Towne and Countrye Square, at Yonge and Steeles.

A small United Nations

Seniors' club meets every week

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

There is a small United Nations represented in the 15-25 members of the Seniors Club of the North-East branch, Jewish Community Centre. The club includes members from Hungary, Romania, Russia, South Africa, England, Ireland, Chile, Austria, and Peru.

"Language is a problem at times," said Phyllis Verbin, co-ordinator, "but often another member will interpret for someone who knows little or no English. When there is a Yiddish speaker there are enough who know Yiddish to interpret for those who do not."

The club, which used to meet only twice a month, now has a program every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hillcrest Public Library on Leslie St. When it first adopted weekly meetings, they were only two hours long, but they have been expanded. They include a class in oil painting taught by Beryl Frow in which seven members participate. A fitness class is held each week as well as a craft session. Once a month there is folkdancing, usually with an Israeli flavor, led by Rachel Gottesman.

The programs often include films and guest speakers on current topics, travel, health and consumer issues.

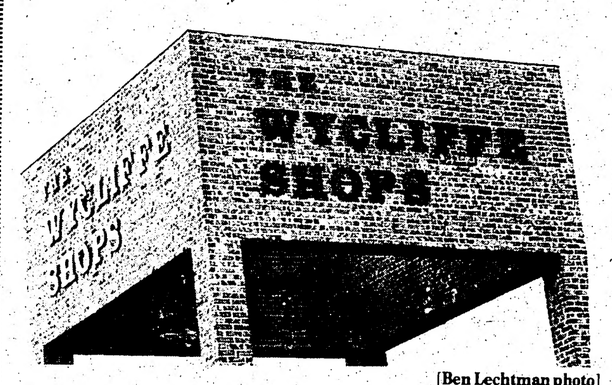
Participation, which drops off in the winter, holds up well in the summer months, but is best in the early fall months.

Members of the N-E club often join in on trips arranged by the Good Age Club at the northern branch, including one to the Woodbine Racetrack last summer. Some members also take advantage of activities offered by the Centre for Creative Living.

Though most members like to get to the meetings on their own via public transit, there is a share-a-cab plan subsidized by the JCC, which costs members only a nominal amount, with four sharing one cab. Some are taken to the meetings by their children.

A number hold part-time jobs, or take care of their grandchildren, and this limits their ability to get to the programs regularly. The club has its own monthly newsletter.

The chairman is Agathe Nathan and other officers are: vice-chairman, Fanny Furman; treasurer, Cissie Thomas; program, Mary Landau; refreshments, Pat Morgan.



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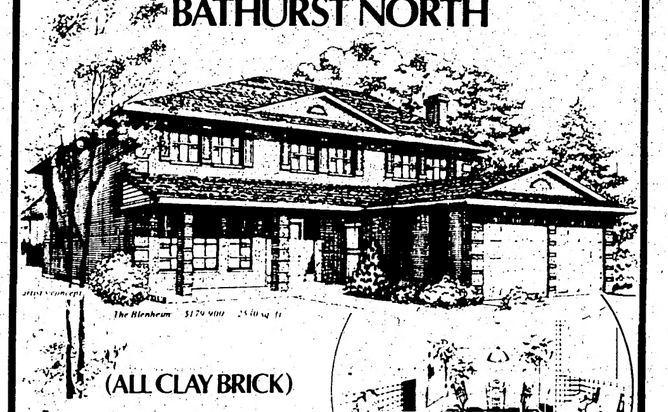

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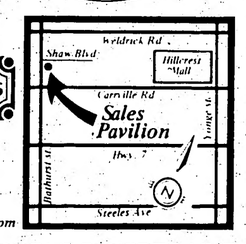

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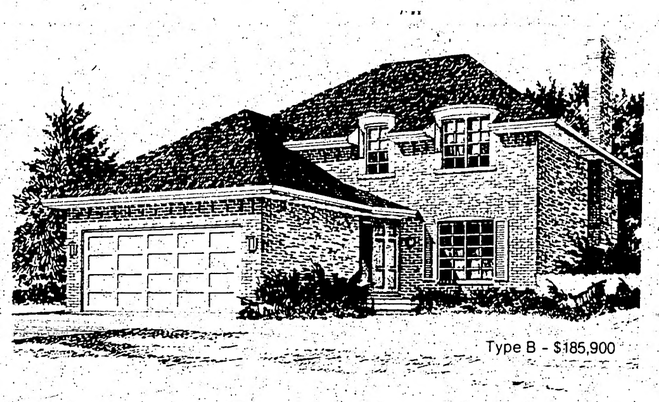

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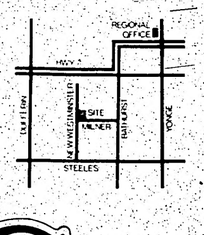

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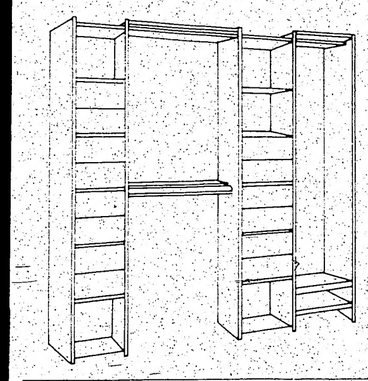

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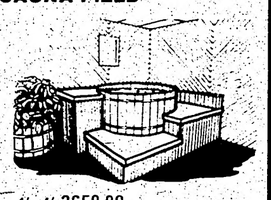

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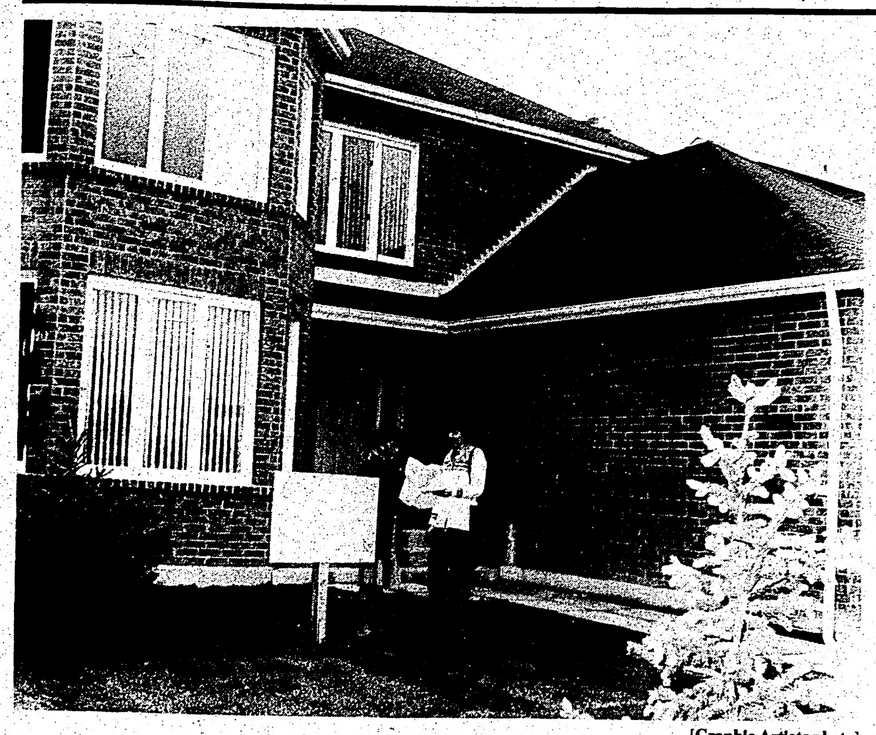

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Typical of the new homes in the rapidly expanding areas north of Metro Toronto is this one in the Spring Farm development just north of Bathurst and Steeles.

Rezoning opens new areas as urbanites leave Metro

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

A population of 75,000 is projected within the next 15 years for Thornhill-Vaughan, that area north of Metro Toronto, situated between Steeles Ave. and Highway 7A, Yonge St. and just beyond Dufferin St.

This is only part of the scene as rezoning opens up previously undeveloped land and prospective buyers look to the north, east and west of the city.

Is it the attraction of far-off fields?

Even the developments have sylvan names — Spring Farm, Spruce Valley, Sherwood Green, Fernlea.

Certainly there is a quasi-rural appeal as builders describe "unspoiled acres of gently rolling meadows and dales," but it is also a fact that there is virtually no open building space within the confines of Metro, and new housing is primarily available outside its boundaries.

Urbanites are venturing farther than ever before, to the environs of Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Markham, Unionville, Bramalea, Mississauga.

What about transportation? Some communities are on GO-train routes; others, such as Vaughan, have public transit on the books, but many will continue to rely on cars.

Elementary and secondary schools are ususally in, or under construction.

Congregations already formed include Richmond Hill Synagogue, Markham-Unionville Congregation, Shaar Shalom Synagogue and Temple Har Zion in Thornhill, Beth Avraham Yaakov in Vaughan, Solel Congregation in Mississauga, and Minyan Sepharad, presently holding services at Eitz Chaim Schools on Patricia Ave. in Willowdale.

What kind of housing is being built? All-brick single-family units, on lots 35 to 50 feet wide, predominate. They are priced from $79,000 for a basic 2-bedroom link (separated above ground) right up to more than $300,000 for spacious luxury homes. Exterior design is overwhelmingly traditional.

Who are the purchasers? They are usually young to middle-aged, with 35 years a median. Dual income families with children are the majority, and there are some single professionals.

Spokesmen for the various developers concede that high interest rates have created a "soft" market in recent months, with the buyer in the driver's seat, but they point to numerous inducements which they feel will boost sales.

Many companies are putting together mortgage programs which make it easier to qualify for purchase. Builders are drawing from their own pockets or borrowing, and reducing mortgage rates to between 15% and 16%; they are also granting 3-year terms. Some offer a deferred mortgage program, in which a sum of perhaps $125. per month accrues for a 3-year period, and is added when the mortgage is paid off.

Are prices negotiable? Some company representatives insist that they are not. Others say that certain features, such as skylights, air-conditioning, paving, can be negotiated, and add to the value.

Many amenities once considered extras are now almost standard, as carpeting, electrical appliances, sodding, and the currently popular fireplaces. Heavy insulation and some energy-saving equipment are also incorporated.

In the more expensive homes, landscaping will include shrubs and as many as four different trees, extra garages, premium quality tile in entrances, and luxury bathroom fittings. Floor areas may exceed 4,000 square feet.

Most in demand are houses ranging upward from about $135,000.

Luxury condominiums which attract the empty nesters whose families have married or moved out, are also on the market. They entice the mature buyer with enclosed balconies, family rooms, security, and exceptional recreational packages providing indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, and health clubs. One hexagonal brick and glass structure on Islington Ave. is said to be of outstanding architectural design.

Hard to find kosher food in area

By VIVIEN SHARON

Restaurants are springing up rapidly in the area northeast of Metro Toronto as restaurateurs try to keep up with the steady influx of young families moving into the area.

Residents and shoppers are able to enjoy an exciting blend of eating experiences that cater to everyone's food preference. Italian, Chinese, continental, deli, fast food, family and fine dining restaurants represent only some of the flurry of eateries available in Thornhill, Markham, Richmond Hill and Unionville.

Yet a recent survey indicates that something is truly lacking for Jewish families — Jewish food.

Drive north of Steeles Ave. and it's next to impossible to find bagels, challahs, Middle East delicacies, borscht, homemade chicken soup and, above all, strictly kosher facilities.

According to Marilyn Kartash, president of the Markham-Unionville Hebrew Congregation, kosher restaurants are an absolute necessity. "As observant families move into the area, strictly kosher food becomes a prerequisite. It's particularly important for children, and there are no facilities in the immediate area."

The closest strictly kosher restaurants are in North York. They include Malkat-Peking, Herschel's Restaurant and Tavern, Marky's, Mati's Fallafel House, Maven's and Yenta's.

As it happens, one of the few places where fresh bagels can be found is at Unionville's Bake 'n' Deli at Carlton Village and The Donut Window at Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill.

Steeles has taken on a very significant role for Jewish northeast families. Intersecting at Bathurst St., Yonge St., Bayview Ave., Leslie Ave. and Don Mills Rd., Steeles Ave. is fast becoming the northern Jewish thoroughfare — much the same as what Bathurst St. represents for in-town Jews.

Says one Unionville woman: "Many times, I'll hop into the car and do my shopping at Fairview Mall or at shops near Yonge and Steeles. The distance isn't as far as it seems."

Unionville, nevertheless, has no lack of enticing dining spots. A popular restaurant with Jewish families is Calathumpians' Restaurant, 189 Main St., specializing in hamburgers, steaks and salads. Other eateries include Old Country Inn, 198 Main St., featuring Viennese cuisine amid rustic decor, and a Chinese restaurant, Red Rose Garden, 206 Wellington W., which is a continuation of Hwy. 7.

Markham abounds in Canadian cuisine, especially steak, chicken, lobster, specialty sandwiches and homemade soups.

Families have their pick of such casual restaurants as the Grove, 1020 Denison Ave. in the Warden and Steeles area, and The Farmstead Restaurant and Tavern on Woodbine Ave. north of Steeles.

A popular fine dining spot for Jewish families is Melba's Restaurant at 48 Washington St. in the town of Markham specializing in continental cuisine. Others include The Nags Head at Woodbine Ave. and Hwy. 7, Duchess of Markham, 53 Main St. N. and Peter's Steakhouse and Tavern at Wellington W. and Hwy. 7. Fast food outlets still rate high among the kids' favorites.

Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill offers a wide selection of foods under one roof. You can have your choice of such restaurants as Steak & Burger, The Mill and a fast food fair featuring Yitz's [deli foods], fish and chips, donuts, and Chinese, Italian and Armenian specialties.

"It's hard to find authentic Jewish food in this area," confirmed Terry Winston, whose husband, Gary, is the president of the Richmond Hill Community Synagogue. "We often find ourselves near Bathurst or near Yonge and Steeles to do our shopping or to eat out."

Richmond Hill's main strip is along Yonge and leans heavily toward pizza and Chinese food. Barrel Pizza Parlor and Spaghetti House, Pizza Patio and Pagoda Court predominate on the strip.

Thornhill also boasts a wide variety of dining spots, from such steak and fish restaurants as The Octagon, 7529 Yonge St. and Carnegie Place, 8375 Yonge St., to a new Charlie C's, opening soon at Thornhill Square.

Yet it cannot be disputed that the northern reaches of Willowdale and Downsview win hands down in providing Jewish cuisine to its hungry customers.

The following represent only some of the often-frequented North York eateries: The Pickle Barrel Restaurant Delicatess 5625 Yonge St., Stee. Deli Warehouse and M Bagel at Steeles Square Plaza (near Yonge St.), North York Cafe, 3555 Don Mills Ave., Sweetwater Restaurant, 1110 Sheppard Ave. E., Alamo Restuarant and Tavern, 3705 Chesswood and Sunshines at Bayview Village.

Markham is booming

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white town hall, with its lush green lawns and flower beds, which proclaims its rural beginnings with pride. Mayor Roman said a new town hall is contemplated at the corner of Warden Ave. and Highway No. 7.

The Thornhill area, stretching east from Yonge and north of Steeles, already has a population of 40,000, and Mayor Roman says it is so well developed that there is room only for about 5,000 more people east and west of the proposed Don Mills Rd. extension, north of John St. But construction is at as high a pace, or even higher in some cases, in Unionville and Markham. Considerable building is also going on in more rural areas, where water and sewage are not yet available.

Mayor Roman said Jewish residents are particularly familiar with a community centre at Bayview and John where there is a library, hockey and pleasure skating surfaces and a fitness centre. Another one is planned for the corner of John and Don Mills, the mayor said, which will have more outdoor facilities, including a baseball diamond. Still another is planned for Kennedy Rd. south of 14th St.

Among other developments, a new library is planned for a site at the corner of No. 7 and No. 48 highways. The library in Unionville is being expanded.

The present population of 90,000 in Markham is expected to expand to 130,000 or 140,000 in the next 25 years, and Mayor Roman feels this is reasonable enough growth for Markham "to keep ahead of inflation," in financing its municipal services.

Though many villages and hamlets officially disappeared when the Town of Markham was created, the mayor said diligent attempts will be made to keep their identity alive with local signs, whenever possible.

This seems only right in an area whose history goes back to 1973 when the first white settlers arrived, among them being Thomas Kinnear, Nicholas Miller and John Lyons.

The Markham fair is known across Ontario as one of the best fall fairs in the province. What is not such common knowledge, however, is that a big rally was held in the fair grounds in 1877, organized by Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. MacDonald.

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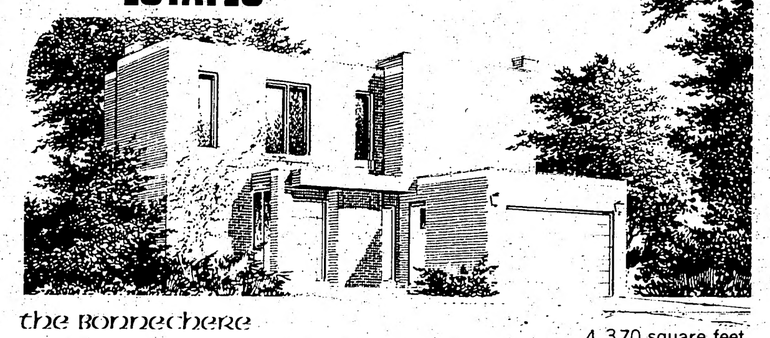

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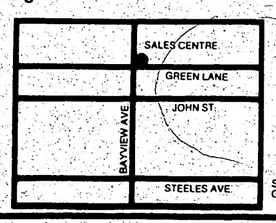

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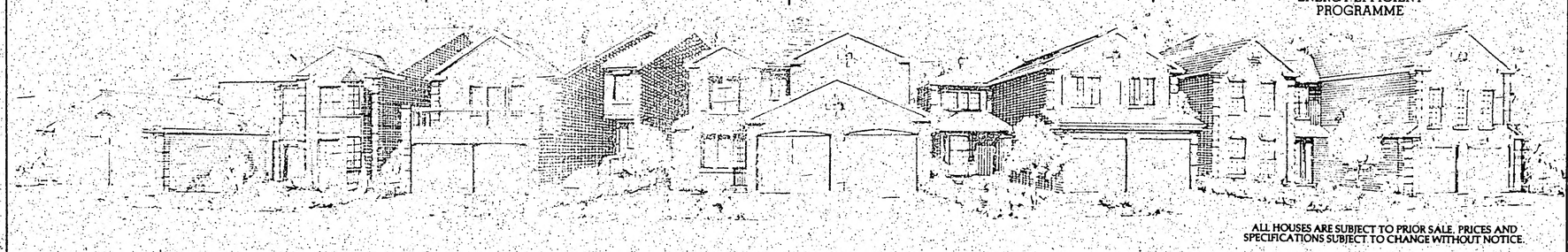

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